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FIRST EDITION

HARRISBURG.

NNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

licial Apportionment Bill.

Relative to Free Passes

ial to Pittsburgh Press.

HARRISBURG, February 5, 1874.

SENATE.

. Rutan—An act declaring what offices ncompatible.

. McSherry—Making the livery stable bill llegheny county general.

. Anderson—To prohibit issuing certifi- of death by others than regular physi-

. Rutan reported the Judicial Apportion- t bill as follows:

st District—City of Philadelphia. 2d, Lancas- ounty. 3d, Delaware. 4th, Chester. 5th, and Adams. 6th, Cumberland and Perry. Franklin and Fulton. 8th, Bedford and Somer- 9th, Huntington, Blair and Cambria. 10th, na. 11th, Luzerne. 12th, Dauphin and Leban- 13th, Berks. 14th, Fayette. 15th, Schuylkill. Bucks. 17th, Montgomery. 18th, Lehigh. 19th, ampton. 20th, Susquehanna, Sist, Wayne, Monroe and Carbon. 22d, Bradford. 23d, Columbia, ran and Wyoming. 24th, Northumberland and ua. 25th, Union, Snyder, Mifflin and Juniata. 26th, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre. 27th, ming. 28th, Tioga, Potter, McKean and Cameron. 29th, Erie and Warren. 30th, Crawford, Venango and Forest. 32d, Jefferson, Clarion Elk. 33d Armstrong. 34th, Hunter and Lawrence. 35th, Mercer. 36th, Beaver. 37th, Greene. Washington. 39th, Allegheny. 40th, Westmoreland.

e bill increases the number of Common a Judges in the State fifteen, and the number of district from b to forty. Whenever ticable, where more than one county was ired for a district, the old divisions were ined.

e bill provides that the second, fifth, enth, twelfth, twenty-sixth and thirty- th judicial districts shall at the next gen- election elect one person for each of said ricts, learned in the law, to be an additional law judge of the courts in each of said ricts. The other sections provide for the ng of vacancies at the next general election istricts where there are no president judges sociate judges learned in the law.

HOUSE.

r. Brockway—An act to carry into effect ion 8, article 17, of the new Constitution tive to free passes.

r. Wolf moved to proceed with the American contested election case.

r. Orvis objected, and called for the read- of the minority report.

r. Josephs moved to lay both on the table. ed to—yeas 83, nays 3.

r. Newmyer reported favorably the bill tive to costs in felony cases.

r. Gerwig—An act for the training of hers of common schools.

r. Young—A supplement to the general l laws.

r. Toner—An act for the better regulation he sale of intoxicating drinks.

he Judicial Salary bill then came up, Mr. dley, of Green, in the chair.

r. Orvis spoke in favor of the bill, and Mr. nahan opposed it. Several others spoke. en the hour of adjournment arrived and bill went over.

he Committee on the Enlargement of the itol, consisting of Messrs. Rutan, Chalfant, is, Webb, Cross, Tally and Butterfield, e in the House all the afternoon, measur- and trying to regulate seats sufficient for new Legislature, without enlarging the lding.

ial Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

HARRISBURG, February 4, 1874.

he House has been engaged all day on the icial Salary bill, and made no progress in devoting the whole day to discussion. The cussion is not to be regretted, however. re is little else to do, and the members of House do well to talk over such measures roughly. The vote will be taken to-mor-, probably; and whatever it may result in, ave only to caution the representatives of people that they are venturing upon danous ground when they undertake, at such a e as this, to increase salaries.

he Senate passed three bills and killed one. e three passed finally were: Senate bill No. fixing the number of jurors on a sheriff's nest on partition; Senate bill No. 26, relae to the issuing of warrants to survey vacant ds, and Senate bill No. 30, to correct the fective acknowledgment of deeds by husband wife of the property of the wife. The one led was the bill to repeal the 4th section of act incorporating the State Agricultural iety.

he bill fixing the number of jurors on a riff's inquest on partition fixes the number three; the bill relative to the issuing of ants to survey vacant lands provides that the rrants shall be issued only to the actual pants of the claimed lands, except in the e of abandoned improvements, and requires a affidavit of the applicant that he is the ocpant, and publication by advertisement of tice that application for a warrant will be de; and the bill to correct the defective knowledgment of deeds, covers all defects ce 1850 by declaring the defective acknowlments to be valid and binding.

The bill relative to the State Agricultural iety originally repealed the 4th section of act of incorporation. This section requires e County Commissioners of each county to e $100 per annum to the Agricultural Soy of such county. Mr. Ermentrout moved include the 3d section also, in the repeal, ich was carried. The 3d section authorizes annual payment by the State Treasurer of 000 to the State Agricultural Society. The was on third reading when thus amended. d notwithstanding it was clearly pointed t that under the new Constitution counties e prohibited from making appropriations in l of corporations, thus rendering void the section, and that no money can be hereer paid by the State to the State Society, ex- pt by the passage of a specific appropri- on bill for that purpose, yearly, thus renring the third section void also, the Senate, a fit of stubbornness, refused to repeal the ided sections by a vote of 10 to 11. There med to be a fear that the repeal would of- the farmers, though why, I cannot see, if e Constitution had virtually repealed them ready.

The Senate took up on its second reading l to regulate the change of venue in civil ses, and was engaged on it, after variously nending it, when the hour of adjournment rived. The Legislature no longer has the wer to grant changes of venue; hence the cessity for specifying the particular cases in hich the courts may or shall grant them. he bill as originally framed specified five ses in which the courts *shall* grant anges, on application, and *three* in which ey *may* grant them; but, to-day, *three* of the and sixty causes were struck out, the fourth as transferred to the discretionary list, and a th added to the latter, thus leaving but *one* stance in which the court must grant a ange, on application. This one instance is here the prevalent opinion of the county nders it impossible that the applicant (in a belief) should have a fair and impartial l therein. The five causes for which anges of venue may be granted the discretion of the court, cover, is supposed, the whole ground ely to be occupied in assigning such causes, d the bill, as it stands, seems generally acptable to the lawyers of the Senate; but a eral amendment to it was still pending at djournment, offered by Mr. White, taking e power to grant changes of venue from the urts in which the cases are pending and nferring it upon the Court of Common eas of Dauphin county, except in cases nding in that county.

During the discussion on this bill Mr. Alight dropped a remark worthy of closer attention than it is likely to receive. It was to e effect that we would be upon the verge of e most hateful tyranny when every thing as left to the discretion of our courts of juse. There is, as I have said on some other casion in these letters, a prevalent tendency a crowd power upon the courts and ust almost unlimited power to their scretion. Mr. Albright has seen enough human nature to know that the possesn of unlimited power, (and power to be exrcised at discretion is practically unlimited,) not safe in any hands whatever. Our courts e pure, now: but our judges are human, th like infirmities of others; and while, this particular instance, there may be no use for apprehension in the powers granted, t the thought suggested in that connection Mr. Albright is one worthy of being carefully pondered.

A bill is pending in the House regulating e election and compensation of Lieutenant overnor; and to-day Mr. Warfel introduced bill into the Senate providing for the elecon of a Secretary of Internal Affairs. (This the nomenclature of the Constitutional vention, but it is an awkward name for a blic officer. We have no "internal" affairs distinguished from external.) Both bills x the salary of these officers at $5,000 per nnum, and Mr. Wagner's bill provides that e term of the Secretary of Internal Affairs all commence on the Monday preceding the ird Tuesday of January following his ection. The Secretary is required exercise a watchful supervision er the railroad, banking, mining, anufacturing and other business corporaons of the State, and to see that they confine themselves strictly within the corporate limits, nd in case any citizen shall charge under th any corporation with transcending its porate functions, or infringing upon the hts of individual citizens, said Secretary all carefully investigate such charges and may quire from such corporation special report, as ojoined in the Constitution, and in case he believes the charges are just and the matter omplained of is beyond the ordinary province individual redress, he shall certify his opinon to the Attorney General of the State, whose uty shall be by an appropriate legal remedy o redress the same by a proceeding in the ourts at the expense of the State.

SPECIAL.

Muskingum Valley Bank.

pecial Dispatch to the Commercial.

ZANESVILLE, O., February 5, 1874.

Charles W. Frost, assignee of the Muskingum alley bank, gives notice that all claims against he bank will be paid in full on or after February 25th.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Spain.

ENGAGEMENT NEAR LERIDA.

MADRID, February 5.—The Minister of War has received intelligence of a desperate engagement near Lerida, between Republicans and Carlists. The latter were defeated with heavy loss in killed and wounded.

England.

RESULT OF THE ELECTIONS.

LONDON, February 5.—The "Times" anticipates a large majority for the Conservatives in the English elections, but says the Scotch and Irish votes will turn the scale in favor of the Liberals.

END OF ASHANTEE WAR.

The following dispatch from the commander of the Ashantee expedition was received to-day by the Secretary of State for War: "All the white prisoners held by the Ashantees have been delivered to me. The King accepts my terms for a cessation of hostilities which he asked, and has agreed to pay an indemnity of two hundred thousand pounds. We halt for a few days, thirty miles from Coomassie.

Germany.

REICHSTAG OPENED BY SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

BERLIN, February 5.—The session of the Reichstag was opened to-day with a speech from the throne delivered by the Imperial Commissioner. The Emperor regrets that he cannot attend the opening in person. He enumerates, as among the principal measures to be submitted during the session, bills relating to the army, the press, trades unions and marine jurisdiction. The speech concludes with an assurance that all nations of Europe are resolved to preserve peace.

ARCHBISHOP LEDOCHOWSKI.

Herald Special.]

BERLIN, February 5.—Archbishop Ledochowski will be tried on the 11th inst., on no other charge except the refusal to pay fines. He may yet be released if the fines are paid. The Emperor has declined to intervene in the case, notwithstanding the great influences brought to bear in the Archbishop's favor.

Austria.

THE UNEMPLOYED OF VIENNA.

VIENNA, February 5.—Thirty thousand unemployed workmen of this city have petitioned the government for relief.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, February 5.—Steamships State of Virginia and Elysia, from New York, arrived out.

European Markets.

LONDON, February 5.—Consols for money, 92⅝92⅞; 5-20s of '65, 105⅜; do 67, 108⅝; 10-40s 106¾; new 5s, 109⅞; New York Central 95⅝; Erie 45¾; Erie preferred 69¾.

PARIS, February 5.—Rentes, 58 francs 47½ centimes.

FRANKFORT, February 5.—United States 5-20s of 1865, 98⅛.

LIVERPOOL, February 5.—Cotton easier at 7¾ @8d; sales 10,000 bales; American 7,000 bales; speculation and export 1,000 bales. Breadstuffs quiet and unchanged. Bacon—long clear middles 40s. Turpentine 36s. Others unchanged.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Rock Falls Through the Roof of a Baggage Car.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, PA., February 5, 1874.

As the mail train this afternoon from Washington to Pittsburgh was passing through a cut at Woodville station, a large rock fell upon the baggage car, going clear through the car, roof, floor and all. A good deal of baggage was damaged. The train was delayed some time. Nobody was injured.

FIRE RECORD.

Alliance Rolling Mill.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ALLIANCE, O., February 5, 1874.

About 7:30 this evening, the buildings of the Alliance Rolling Mill Company were discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given and the steam fire engine got to the scene as quickly as possible. The firemen succeeded in saving about one-half of the property. The damage to the company will be small. The property was insured for $34,500 in the following companies: Howard, Manhattan, Ætna, of New York, Standard, Atlantic, Safeguard, Phœnix, Imperial, Fireman's Fund, Ajax and Home, of Ohio. The loss is estimated at $20,000. The cause of the fire was probably accidental.

Five Railroad Cars Burned—Seven Persons Injured.

CHICAGO, February 5.—The telegraph wires between here and Harvard, Ills., near which place an accident on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad occurred this morning, have not been working since shortly after the accident, and, beyond the fact that a passenger train was thrown from the track, and four coaches burned, no particulars can yet be obtained. Harvard is about sixty miles from Chicago, on the Wisconsin division of the Northwestern road.

CHICAGO, February 3.—A dispatch from Woodstock, Illinois, says there were in all seven persons injured by the accident on the Chicago and Northwestern road this morning, three of them badly. The accident was caused by a broken rail on the bridge at Elshwaukee, twenty-five miles north of Chicago. All the cars were thrown from the track and smashed. The passengers escaped by crawling through the windows. Three passenger coaches, one sleeper and the baggage car were burned. All the baggage was lost. The express car and a coach next to the car at the end of the train, only escaped destruction. It is impossible to give the names of the wounded at present.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, February 5.—In the House this morning, the following bills passed: Senate bill for appointment of a board of five Centennial commissioners for Ohio; House bill to forbid the appointment of the partners of prosecuting attorneys to defend criminals.

In the Senate a bill was introduced to amend the the civil code so as to provide that the Court of Common Pleas or District Court may vacate or modify its own judgment or orders at the term at which the same was made, when such judgment was obtained by false testimony. The Senate bill providing that married women may sue or be sued alone, when the action concerns her separate property, or as partner in a mercantile firm, or between her and her husband, makes her separate property liable for any judgment rendered therein against her.

The House bill increasing the fees of witnesses in civil cases was indefinitely postponed.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6, 1 A. M.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States and Lower Lake region, falling barometer, rising temperature, northeast winds, cloudy or partly cloudy weather and possibly snow or rain. For the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States, northeast to southeast winds, falling barometer, threatening and rainy weather. For the Ohio and Lower Mississippi valleys and Upper Lakes, falling barometer, rising temperature, increasing northeasterly winds, with snow and possibly rain.

Philadelphia Meeting of Iron and Steel Manufacturers.

PHILADELPHIA, February 5.—The Mass Convention of the Iron and Steel Manufacturers effected a permanent organization this morning by the election of Samuel J. Reeves, of Philadelphia, President, E. B. Ward, of Detroit, Abraham A. Hewitt, of New York, S. M. Fulton, of Philadelphia, James J. Bennett and James Park, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Vice Presidents, James M. Swank, Secretary, and Charles Wheeler, Treasurer. It was moved that the National Association of Iron Manufacturers and the American Pig Iron Association, be constituted, report to the Convention a committee consisting of five representatives from each of the following interests: Bar iron, plate iron, iron rail and pig iron manufacturers. Agreed to.

The memorial read in committee last night was adopted and sent to Washington

The following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, The cost of iron in railroads and rolling stock is about one-third of the total cost of such roads; and,

WHEREAS, The demand for iron for railroad building is by far the largest upon which iron masters depend for their business; and,

WHEREAS, The mutual interdependence of railroads and iron makers, both as to construction on the one hand, and employment on the other, is such that there can be no cessation of one without a cessation of the other; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of this Association be appointed to consider whether the time of makers of the country, as a whole, can do anything to develop new railroads and cheapen the cost of their construction.

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SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

TRANSPORTATION OF GOVERNMENT MONEY.

Express Officials Before the Appropriation Committee.

The Bienville Prize Case.

Death of Hon. Alfred Conkling.

Fight for Congressional Records.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAMS HAS HIS SAY.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1874.

Adams Express Company's Bills.

The House Appropriation Committee, at their meeting this morning, heard a statement from Henry Sanford, General Superintendent of the Adams Express Company, and Messrs. Lovejoy and Shoemaker, prominent officials of the same company, in reference to carrying money for the government. Mr. Leopold represented the Treasury Department. The Express Company officials made a very fair case, and explained the facts in relation to the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars received for that duty. The committee, upon hearing the remarks of Mr. Sanford, were satisfied as to the accuracy of the statement of the cost, but still thought it was very high for the purpose of the government. Mr. Sanford said that the company had repeatedly asked for a more favorable contract, but that the department had refused to grant the request.

Messrs. Lovejoy and Shoemaker, the First and Second Comptrollers of the Treasury were also examined as to the necessities of their offices in a clerical point of view. The former also made some statements in regard to the expenses of the National Loan fund.

Petitions from Pennsylvania.

A number of petitions from all parts of Pennsylvania have been received, asking a repeal of the second section of the act of June 6, 1872, providing for internal taxes. This section makes a reduction of 10 per cent. on iron and steel and certain other articles.

Bienville Prize Case.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day reversed their decision in regard to granting prize money to the officers and crew of the United States steamer Bienville, for the reason that it did not participate in the active operations in the attack on Mobile. One of the greatest causes of opposition to the bill is that it proposes to pay the prize money out of the naval pension fund, instead of by direct appropriation.

The Abolition of the Franking Privilege has at least increased the revenues of the branch postoffice at the capitol. The sales of stamps to members now amount to seventy-five dollars a day.

Death of Senator Conkling's Father.

Senator Conkling this afternoon received a telegram announcing the death of his father at Utica, New York. He left to-night to attend the funeral. Alfred Conkling, the deceased, was born in Suffolk county, New York, in 1789, graduated at Union College and was admitted to the bar in 1814. In 1826 he was appointed Judge of the United States Court for the Northern district of New York. He was the author of several valuable works on law.

Mr. Chandler's Tea Party.

Senator Chandler is entertaining a distinguished party at his residence to-night, among whom are the President and Mrs. Grant.

Congressional Record Question.

The Senate and House are at a deadlock on the "Congressional Record" question. Hitherto the latter was allowed twenty-five copies for each member, and the former eighty. The Senators have now agreed to compromise on forty, but the House refuses to grant them.

Mr. Williams and the Judiciary Committee.

Attorney General Williams has addressed a very lengthy and somewhat caustic letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee on the subject of his recent nomination for Chief Justice. He maintains, in the letter, that all the charges made against him were proved to be groundless and, it is said, objects to the inquisitorial character alleged to have been given to the investigation into his acts by the committee. His letter does not seem but just that the committee should immediately make public the letter.

If Senator Morton will accept, he will be designated to-morrow to fill the vacancy on the District Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1874.

MR. CUSHING REPLIES TO MRS. GAINES.

Caleb Cushing has filed a bill against Mrs. Myra Clarke Gaines, praying for a statement of account, that she may be decreed to pay such sums as may be due.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC CANAL.

The commission appointed to examine and report upon the routes and surveys by which it is proposed to construct a ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific, met to-day. The commission, accompanied by competent engineers, will pass over the routes already surveyed, and report upon the feasibility of the work proposed. This additional survey will occupy about two months.

Great Religious Revival.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

LOCK HAVEN, PA., February 5, 1874.

There is a great religious revival here; sixty baptized in the Disciples Church. There are twenty-five converts at the English Lutheran Church, sixty at the Methodist Church, in the Fifth ward, twenty at the Evangelical Association Church, fifty at the Methodist Church in Salona, six miles west of here. A series of evening meetings will begin at the Baptist Church next week.

Catholic Mission at Fort Wayne.

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FORT WAYNE, IND., February 5, 1874.

The mission which has been going on for the last two weeks at the Catholic Cathedral, was concluded last night by an eloquent lecture delivered by Father Damon, of Chicago. Several eminent Jesuit divines have been here during the mission.

LIZZIE SCHUETTLER ACQUITTED.

End of the Brauenlein Murder Trial.

Argument of the Counsel for the Prosecution—Charge of the Judge—The Jury Absent Three Hours—Their Verdict "Not Guilty."

The Court of Oyer and Terminer met yesterday morning at nine o'clock, Judges Sterrett and Stowe on the bench. The District Attorney, Colonel T. M. Bayne, made the argument for the prosecution in the case of Lizzie Schuettler, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Brauenlein—a case which has occupied the entire time of the court during its past four sessions, and the progress of which has been watched with the greatest interest by the public.

THEORY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Colonel Bayne reviewed the evidence at length, pointing out the incentive or motives which induced the foul crime; the overwhelming facts in relation to the finding of the property of the victim in the house of the prisoner; the finding of the bloody bodice and petticoat in the cess pool of Lizzie's house on Mount Washington, and the discovery of the key to a lock in Lizzie's house, which unlocked the door of Mrs. Mrs. Brauenlein's room. The theory of the Commonwealth was that the murder was committed between six and eight o'clock on Thursday evening, during the absence from home of no one knew of Lizzie's whereabouts, and that she stole the goods found in her possession the same evening. He commented upon the fact that it had been made out, and that the verdict must be of acquittal or murder committed in pursuance of a deliberate, He also stated that Judge Sterrett had called attention to the fact that the new Constitution provided for the commutation of the death penalty in makers of the country, as a whole, can do anything to develop new railroads and cheapen the cost of their construction.

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ALLEGED LARCENY.

EX-MAYOR McCARTHY THE DEFENDANT.

Old Watch-House Docke's A leged to be Missing—Information Upon "Belief"—Marshall Swartzwelder Raises a Legal Point—Bail Given for Court—McCarth 's House Searche:—Return "Nulla Bona."

Considerable talk was occasioned yesterday afternoon by the report that an information had been made before Alderman McMasters charging ex-Mayor William C. McCarthy and Robert Graham, formerly police captain, with the larceny of certain books belonging to the city. Both parties, on being notified, repaired to the office of the magistrate and found the information in the following words:

"That William C. McCarthy and Robert Graham, of said city, did feloniously steal, take and carry away from a certain building in said city, two books, dockets and journals then and there, being the property of the said city of Pittsburgh, and of great value, to-wit: Of the value of fifty dollars, which books, dockets and journals had been before that time kept by the proper officers of the city of Pittsburgh, and contained accounts of costs taxed, fines and forfeitures received, together with the record of the disposition of cases arising from the violation of the laws and ordinances of said city, which accounts, entries and statements were and are of great value to the said city of Pittsburgh and to the citizens and people thereof.

The information is signed and sworn to by John B. Timmony, and he sets forth that "he is informed and believes" the statement to be true.

THE PROSECUTOR

The information was drawn up in a neat handwriting, and upon inquiry the Alderman stated that it was the penmanship of Mr. John Ross, ex-Secretary of the late Water Commission. The party subscribing to the oath, Mr. John B. Timmony, is an ex-policeman, and now, we believe, an officer of one of the county courts. Timmony is not only well known to fame in police matters. He has always been active and energetic in his business, and is prompt in executing the orders of his line.

BAIL AT HAND.

William B. Hays and Felix C. Negley, Esqs., well known citizens, promptly offered themselves as bail for the parties. Mr. Hays for Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Negley for Mr. Graham. Mr. McCarthy stated that he resided in the Seventh ward, but that as early as early a period as possible, and named half-past eight o'clock this morning, but first desired to have his attorney, Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq., present. Mr. Swartzwelder was at once sent for. Both the defendants were indignant at the prosecution, and anxious for an early hearing on the charge, so that full publicity could be given it.

MR. SWARTZWELDER SAYS.

Mr. Swartzwelder was found by the messenger, at the depot, about going to his residence, and he soon arrived at the alderman's office.

He at once asked for the information, saying: "What new election dodge is this?"

Messrs. McCarthy and Graham then retired, leaving the matter in the hands of their attorney and bondsmen. When Mr. Swartzwelder had concluded the reading of the document, the following

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occured.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Well, Squire, what do you propose to do with this election paper?

Squire—Well, it will take the usual course.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Are you in the habit of taking informations such as this—made by a party knowing nothing of the facts contained—upon information and belief?

Squire—Yes, sir; every day. The District Attorney has frequently made them out.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Well, they will not do. Suppose we put the prosecutor upon cross-examination, as we have a right to do, what can he prove to sustain the information?

Squire—He must bring the proof to substantiate his allegations.

A LEGAL NUT TO CRACK.

Mr. Swartzwelder—In cases of criminal prosecution the magistrate can hold to bail without hearing the defense, and it is only practice that has grown into custom to hear the defendant. Parties to suits are not bound to do it, and the defendant has no legal right to it.

Squire—But we could not hold unless the prosecutor swears positively to the allegations and shows sufficient cause.

Swartzwelder—But you can't take an information unless the prosecutor swears positively to the statements set forth in the information.

Squire—The District Attorney has made out and ordered prosecutions upon information and belief.

A CLOAK TO HIDE IN.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Well, he may do it because it has been the practice, but the court will not sustain it. The fact is it is a cloak to hide the real prosecutor, who don't want to appear in it and assume the responsibility. It is a dodge by which a coward and rascal will hide himself. I'll take this information and have a decision upon the point at once.

Squire—I wish you would, Mr. Swartzwelder; if it is not lawful I want to know it.

Mr. Swartzwelder—We will waive a hearing in this matter, and give bail for court.

Messrs. Hays and Negley then signed the bail bond.

Before leaving the office Mr. Swartzwelder said to the Squire, "I don't endorse this as a dirty electioneering dodge—it is so thin as to be transparent."

MR. MCARTHY'S HOUSE SEARCHED.

During the time that Mr. McCarthy was awaiting the arrival of his attorney and a disposition of the case—when virtually under arrest—officer Henry McCoy, with officer Biondin as aid, visited the residence of the ex-Mayor armed with a formidable document, of which the following is a copy:

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to H. C. McCoy or any Constable, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Information and complaint have this day been made to Samuel McMasters, Esq., an Alderman in and for the said city, on the oath of John B. Timmony, that the following articles—that is to say two books, docket journal—were lately stolen and carried away from Municipal Hall, and that he doth suspect the said stolen goods, or some part thereof, are concealed in the house or office of Wm. C. McCarthy, of the said city of Pittsburgh, these are therefore to command you forthwith to make diligent search in the day time, in the house of the said Wm. C. McCarthy for the said stolen goods; and if you find the same, or any part thereof, that then you secure the said stolen goods, and bring the person in whose custody you find the same, before the said Alderman, or some other Justice of the Peace in and for the said county, to be examined concerning the premises, and further to be dealt with according to law.

Witness my hand and seal, this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

SAMUEL MCMASTERS.

The return of the officer made upon the back of the search warrant is as follows:

Allegheny county, ss: Served the within search warrant by searching the house of William C. McCarthy, situate on Roberts street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and none of the within named goods found on the premises. So answers.

February 5, 1874. H. C. McCOY.

ALLEGHENY POLITICS.

Ward Suggestive Meetings

The Republicans or the Seventh ward, Allegheny, have suggested the following gentlemen for the several offices named:

Select Council—Julius Scharnke, C. C. Hax, Wm. Eberhardt. Common Council—Frank Hoff, Anton Schmidt, Charles Goedtman, H. Hipwell and C. B. Stark. School Directors—M. Haworth, S. Ashworth, Judge of Election—George Krebs, Jr., Assessor—S. Zang, J. Luckhamp, J. Hildebrand. Election Assessor—J. Blind, Ferdinand Erck. Constable—V. Guenthing. George Becker for Clerk.

The Tenth ward Republicans have suggested the following ticket:

Mayor—Alfred Slack. Select Council—Henry Kreilling, George Susman. Common Council—J. G. Schmidt, Charles Goedtman, H. Hipwell and C. B. Welty. Director of the Poor—T. F. Grubbs. Assessor—Morgan Evans. Election Assessors—Andrew Hosg, Sr., Philip Steinmiller, Charles Stimpie. School Directors—Joseph McNaugher, J. O. S. Golden. Judge of Election—Richard Thomas. Inspectors—Wm. Bucher, Wm. B. Hewitt, Charles Stimpie. Election Assessor—Morgan Z. Evans. Constable—C. Wallace, P. Conway, William Bowers.

The Republicans of the Eighth will meet in delegate convention on the 13th inst., at a place to be hereafter selected, to unite their strength.

The Republicans of the Fifth held a meeting at the school house last evening, at which the names of the following gentlemen were suggested for the offices named:

Select Council, Wm. Heagy; Common Council, S. A. Johnson; W. B. Porter, D. F. Agnew; School Directors, Miss M. Glass.

The Republicans of the First ward held a suggestion meeting at the school house, and approved of the following names for consideration at Saturday's meeting:

Mayor—Alfred Slack, Wm. Stuart, Isaac Bigby, George F. Coring, James R. Strickler, David H. Smith, and George Monks.

Select Council—J. E. McKelvey and A. McFarland.

Common Council—George F. McLain, William Thompson, B. F. Jones, and Henry M. Long.

Assessor—Thomas Bigby, Jr., Bigby, Henry Pratt, Benjamin Bakewell.

School Directors—Joshua Rhodes, C. A. Carpenter, Dr. John Hamilton, C. Yeager, Wm. Stewart, Dr. D. N. Rankin, and A. H. English.

Judge of Election—Austin L. Ciara.

Inspectors—Henry Crawford and John McCaslin.

Election Assessors—James Crawford.

Constable—Samuel Ferguson.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE drove yard nuisance in the Second ward, Allegheny, will likely be made an issue in the coming Councilmanic election in that city.

A BOY named Fox, aged about fourteen years, had one of his legs horribly crushed yesterday morning in the machinery at Spang, Chalfant & Co.'s mills. He lingered only a few hours.

RESIDENTS on Pike and contiguous streets continue to raid on the coal trains of the Allegheny Valley Railroad. The officers of the road are determined to abate the nuisance.

THE delivery of Robinson's Bank, at Connellsville, a few nights since, was perpetrated by masked burglars, who overpowered and gagged the clerk, robbed the safe and decamped.

THE contract for printing the annual report of the city officers of Allegheny, for 1873, and also for printing the Bank Examiner's and Treasurer's reports, has been awarded to Messrs. Ogden & Vance, at 5¢ 90.

THE Messrs. C. & J. Cherry, of this city, have effected a sale, for the Kingston Mining and Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania, of 800 acres of coal land on the Illinois river, for $300,000, to James Darlow et al., of Chicago.

A CRAZY man, supposed to have escaped from Dixmont, was picked up by the police in Allegheny yesterday, in a state of suffering. Secretary McGonigle, of the Board of Poor Guardians, had him sent to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

A TELEGRAM was received yesterday from Tripoli, Pa.,

The Daily Commercial.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1874.

WE ARE now convinced that Chicago is really growing as rapidly as she claims. A bill has been introduced into the Illinois Legislature providing for the establishment of another State prison.

WE OBSERVE that a bill "to punish extortion by officers or persons acting under authority of the United States" has just been introduced into Congress. The best—perhaps, indeed, the only—means of preventing extortion is to abolish the opportunities of doing so.

IT SPEAKS well for the extension of the trade in American manufactured silks, and furnishes conclusive evidence of the excellence already attained by our manufacturers, that the amount of silk manufactured goods imported from the 1st of July to the 31st of January, in 1872-3, was $18,010,765, while the imports of the last seven months are only $12,508,850, which gives a falling off of $5,501,915, as is shown by the statistics of the January report of the American Silk Association.

THE veteran General HARNEY, whose military experience among the Indians is probably greater than that of any man living, gives it as his opinion that if the Indians are honestly treated, and not plundered, they will live peaceably on their reservations, and he affirms that Indian outbreaks are generally made to avenge indignities offered them by agents, and hangers-on around their camps, who live by deceiving and robbing them—a plain, blunt statement, whose principal value consists in its strong flavor of truth.

THE fact that the new American Steamship Company, whose steamers run between Liverpool and Philadelphia, furnishes accommodations to the emigrant at its own expense, similar to those furnished by the New York Emigration Bureau at the cost of the emigrant, is beginning to trouble the Gothamites, who are afraid it may ultimately have the effect of causing the owners of vessels to run their ships to Philadelphia instead of New York—which is very likely, indeed, to be the case, unless a more liberal and humane policy shall presently be adopted.

THE Philadelphia *North American* publishes a tabular statement of the official statistics of the domestic exports from the port of Philadelphia during the month of January, which foot up $2,584,207, against a total of $1,311,595, being an increase of $1,272,680, notwithstanding the panic, crash and revulsion. Of these exports the leading articles were: Petroleum, $735,114; cotton, $388,973; wheat, $333,336; flour, $158,285; provisions, $219,337; tobacco, $93,711; tallow, $81,114; iron, $30,601; coal, $36,157. The remaining articles were leather, hides, chemicals and drugs.

IT IS refreshing to learn that at least a portion of the workingmen of Chicago have more sensible objects in view than the promotion of strikes or riots. A number of the more intelligent of their class have in contemplation the establishment of a co-operative store, where, by the judicious purchase of goods at whole sale, they can be supplied at less than is now the case. Experience has shown that the mechanic, by purchasing goods at his own store, can increase, in the saving, his wages by from one-fifth to one-fourth per week. The experiment is a good one.

THE sapient legislators of New Jersey want Congress to assume the entire expense of arming and equipping the whole militia of the United States, upon the ground that the purchase of such arms and equipments imposes a great burden on the States themselves; forgetting—the simpletons—that even in such an event the money to foot the bill would eventually have to come out of the pockets of the people. No one wishes to deprive New Jersey of the privilege of playing soldier, to her heart's content—or of paying for the diversion afterwards. And then, what interest has a foreign State like New Jersey in the matter, anyhow?

AN IMPORTANT decision has just been rendered by the Supreme Court of Illinois, which not only affirms the right of the Legislature to fix the rate of charges for elevator proprietors, and to make it penal for them to receive higher rates, even by contract with the party paying the same, but extends, in principle, to the far broader question of when and how the Legislature may declare any business to be a public one, and pass laws limiting the compensation of the person or persons conducting the same. This is one of the questions which lie at the base of the great railroad problem of that State, which, it is thought, is in effect thereby solved.

RELATIVE to the various financial propositions under consideration by Congress, it appears that the points upon which a majority of the Committee of Ways and Means are agreed, are the issue of an additional $400,000,000 to be sold for greenbacks in sums in certain emergencies, and that such contraction shall be offset under certain circumstances by some plan to put specie in circulation. The committee want to do something to create a gravitation towards specie payments, and to give elasticity to the currency by furnishing a bond to sell in emergencies for greenbacks, and allowing the Secretary of the Treasury to loan greenbacks on any hypothecated United States bonds, borrowers to lose the interest temporarily.

THE Religious Amendment Convention, whose proceedings are contained in our issue of to-day, has evidently been attended with great interest. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the policy and practicability of the change proposed in our fundamental law, there can be none as to the sincerity of purpose or as to the purity of motive by which its supporters are animated. They also manifest great ability in maintaining their view, and even those most hostile to the object which the members of the convention are seeking to effect, can no longer deny that it is meeting with increasing favor among the church members of the republic. It is already clear that the question must be fairly presented before the people and submitted to them for decision. About the probable result we at present express no opinion.

A PHILADELPHIA paper states that a bill for the equalization of bounties will be reported to Congress at an early day, probably on the basis of the bill introduced last year, which proposed to give a uniform bounty of eight-and-one-third dollars per month to every officer or private who had served at any time either in the regular or volunteer service between April 15, 1861, and April 15, 1865, the bounty payments already made to be deducted, and the benefit of the provision to be extended to the widows or other heirs of deceased soldiers. This is all very pretty and patriotic; but we should like to know where the money is to come from. An "equalization" of bounties in the manner proposed would cost close in the neighborhood of three hundred millions of dollars—the simple statement of which fact should be sufficient to show the utter impracticability of the plan.

THE vice of intemperance unquestionably lays its worst and heaviest burdens on the shoulders of woman. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the "prayer and moral suasion" temperance movement inaugurated by the women of Ohio should be spreading and extending with extraordinary effect. At most places the results attained have been highly beneficial, and the opposition has given way before the petitions and entreaties of the ladies. An occasional instance of resistance is, however, reported. One man has brought suit against some seventy-five ladies of his town for interfering with his business, and he probably what they want to do, so there will be no question as to the fact, and one is only at a loss to know exactly on what grounds he hopes for a verdict. He has engaged eminent counsel, and proposes to prosecute the case thoroughly. This will probably be made a test suit, and will be watched with wide-spread interest.

EVER since the cable dispatch made brief mention of the unpleasant little scene in the Prussian House of Deputies, between Herr MALLINCKRODT and Prince Chancellor BISMARCK, the veracity of the latter has been a matter of painful doubt in many journalistic minds. So much is clear from the tone in which the subject is discussed in the newspapers. Perhaps some of us believed, or at least hoped, that when the entire debate should be published, it would appear that Herr MALLINCKRODT and the Prince had spoken on the occasion in purely PICKWICKIAN terms. It appears, however, that it was all downright earnest, and that when BISMARCK had denounced the charge of having once proposed to surrender German territory to LOUIS NAPOLEON as "a most impudent and utterly false invention," the deputy who made the charge at once reminded the Prince that it had appeared a year ago in a book by General LA MARMORA, President of the Italian Ministry; whose statements, indeed, he, the speaker, had simply repeated. In reply the Prince Chancellor was very scornful and evidently carried his audience with him. The truth, doubtless, is or may be, that BISMARCK did suggest the possibility of some surrender of the kind mentioned, but merely in an incidental way and for the purpose of exciting hopes that might be useful. The hint was not a hint to be remembered by him through the stormy times that followed, and his compatriots are quite willing to have it forgotten. The deputy, who twitted so successful a statesman with such a trifle, on the authority of a foreigner, simply made a mistake. When the Prince declared himself the most foully slandered man in Europe, and that the charge in question was merely an impudent lie designed to injure him, he seemed to have gained a triumph. Few, however, can help believing that there is a sense in which the charge was true, and that there is also a sense in which the Prince spoke truly in his denial.

THE LIMIT OF CREDULITY.

The New York *Tribune* recently announced, with a flourish of trumpets, that it had come into possession of some very astounding documents, which revealed gross official criminality, but which it withheld from publication until it could satisfy itself of their genuineness. A day or two afterwards it announced that a close examination of the documents showed some, or most of them, to be clever forgeries, and hence, it did not publish the pretended revelations which were given out as being so astounding.

Who were implicated by these forged documents, and what was the subject they peculiarly involved, we shall probably never know, but, judging from the paper to which they were sent, and the well-known credulity and malice of its conductor, the guess is not a wild one that supposes it was the national administration that was to be implicated by them. Two years ago, the *Tribune* would not have investigated into the genuineness of its documents, before publishing them. Experience has taught it a little caution, and the political world moves, evidently. The usual practice in that quarter has been to strike first and hear afterwards.

It was not, however, to comment on the apparently improved morality of the *Tribune* that we began this article, but upon the closing paragraph of the article in that paper declaring, with a slight tinge of sorrow at the fact, that its bundle of accusing documents was a mass of glaring forgeries. That paragraph reads as follows:

It is a relief to know that we are spared the additional disgrace in which these fictitious disclosures would have involved the country; but it is a sad commentary on the condition of official morality that a forger can manufacture scandalous documents such as were laid before us, without overstepping the bounds of probability, or without shocking the belief of those highly reputable political opponents of our own, from whom came to us the first assurances of belief in their authenticity.

We do not see how the fact that these scandalous forgeries did not exceed what the *Tribune* regards as "the bounds of probability," or shock its belief, becomes "a sad commentary on the condition of official morality." The actual condition of official morality may be of the highest and most exalted character, and yet the editor of the *Tribune* might think almost any accusation against honest men in office as being "within the bounds of probability." There are people who think nearly every thing is probable, and whose belief is as elastic as India rubber; and the *Tribune* has done its best for years past to encourage a suspicious spirit in the people, which, constantly cultivated, leads the public so regard the wildest accusation as probable, and the most ridiculous charge as worthy of belief.

There is no limit to human credulity. The *Tribune*, and its worthy coadjutor, the *Sun*, to-day believe FORNEY to be honest and MCCLURE to be a Reformer, whilst they would crowd STOKLEY to the wall, and bury him under loads of filth, notwithstanding he has been the best Mayor the city of Philadelphia has had for many years. There is nothing too bad for them to believe about STOKLEY, and nothing too good for them to believe about FORNEY and MCCLURE; and yet it is these latter who are the real objects of suspicion. There are also men who believe in Democracy and the Democratic party; who think TWEED and GENET have been vilely persecuted; who look upon MORRISSEY and FERNANDO WOOD as statesmen, and who imagine FORNEY to be a great editor, and MCCLURE the embodiment of political virtue. There is no accounting for tastes; and the possibility of human belief and human credulity in this direction is unbounded.

It is not, therefore, by what certain men may think probable or believe about others, that the public is to measure or judge the actual condition of official morality. By their acts shall ye know them. Public men are to be judged by what they do or say, not by what a wicked or malicious imagination may conjure up as probable or possible concerning them. The fact that some clever scoundrel can invent imposing upon the credulous and credulity of the *Tribune* is a sad commentary upon its morality, and upon its incessant efforts to educate the people into the chronic condition of believing all public officers to be scoundrels and thieves. The forger, whoever he was, merely exaggerated his idea of the gullibility of his chosen victims. He overdid his work and was consequently but too quickly to the right shop. If, the forgeries having been detected, they cannot safely be published, they will serve to point a moral and adorn a tale. "See," the virtuous *Tribune* says, "how low official morality has fallen! We were just on the point of publishing these documents, so probable and worthy of belief do they seem!" And "See" exclaims the forger, "how low the morality of the *Tribune* has fallen, for it cackled over these documents like a hen over its eggs, and would have swallowed the whole story with gusto if a little caution had not crept in to make it wary. Its great sorrow is that the forgeries are not genuine."

A USEFUL EXPERIMENT.

Corporal punishment having been abolished some time ago in the public schools of New York City, the results of the reform, so styled by the friends of the measure, have been looked for by the public with some little interest. The immediate effects of the change were manifestly unfavorable, and gave rise to fond complaints on the part of both parents and teachers. The reformers, however, were not alarmed or discouraged; they explained that when the rod was abrogated, no substitute had been prescribed by formal legislation, and that the evils complained of were the natural consequences of the neglect. School boys and school girls, they said, must of course be liable to some sort of punishment in case of disobedience or bad conduct, and no doubt suspension from the privileges of school or detention after the close of school hours, or some other equally undegrading infliction, would, on trial, be found more effectual than the barbarous rod in maintaining discipline. The argument was satisfactory to those at least who, believing in the power of "moral suasion," had favored the experiment and wished for its success. A by-law was accordingly adopted by the New York School Board, by which the Principals of the schools were authorized to re-enforce "moral suasion" by such gentle methods of punishment as were not flatly inconsistent with its spirit.

It is painful if not surprising to learn that, even when thus vigorously re-enforced, "moral suasion" seems destined to fail as a mode of controlling the boys of New York. In his report for year before last, Mr. HENRY KIDDER, City Superintendent of Schools, confidently took the ground that "moral suasion had failed to restrain a large class of the pupils," and therefore recommended that "the right to inflict corporal punishment be restored to the Principals." To some of the members of the School Board this recommendation was very unwelcome. In truth, they could not comprehend its necessity, they being moral reformers of the most modern and confident school; and at their suggestion a committee was appointed to investigate the facts upon which the recommendation was grounded. After thoroughly doing this committee reported unanimously in favor of a restoration of the rod. This report became the subject of prolonged discussion in the Board, when many of the members who, in the meantime had been thinking and making inquiries for themselves, expressed their concurrence in the recommendation. But the champions of reform, being reformers, were not yet satisfied, and as their convictions were naturally very strong, being, like those of philosopher Quilp, in FITZGINIG'S words, "grounded in the eternal fitness of things," they seem to have made good their position. At any rate, in spite of the recommendation of the Superintendent and the report of the committee, the Board determined to give moral suasion a longer trial. And Mr. KIDDER, in his report for last year, once more returns to the subject. He quotes with fresh emphasis the statement of his former report that "the by-law in regard to suspension had not been found adequate to prevent the frequent occurrence of the most heinous offenses in the schools on the part of vicious boys—such as insulting and outrageous language to teachers, violent and injurious assaults upon their fellow-pupils, the wanton destruction of school property and gross disobedience and constant disregard of the rules of the school." Mr. KIDDER also reports a "considerable falling off in respect to discipline in the male grammar schools." While as a general thing good order is maintained, it is, he says, "evidently only by means of a great expenditure of time and labor on the part of both principals and class teachers."

Mr. KIDDER'S meaning plainly is, that in the absence of the authority and means needful for the maintenance of order, the teachers are compelled to spend an excessive portion of their time and energy in the application of moral suasion to their refractory pupils. It is a very significant fact, the force of which may not be recognized by all readers. As we write we call to mind a teacher of deserved reputation as a disciplinarian. We use the word constantly employed to designate the character in which he was believed to excel. If asked to define the word, his admirers would have said that he was a capital hand at governing boys, as without apparent difficulty he could maintain excellent order in his great houseful of them, never using the rod and yet, in the course of a few days, reducing to submission even the most refractory. The statement to some might appear the more noteworthy because this admirable disciplinarian was a man of slight and delicate frame and feeble voice. But he had a firm will, excellent eyesight and excessive cunning, and he literally devoted his time and talents to the ruling rather than to the teaching of the boys under his care. Time and breath expended in gaining what he called moral influence with a boy, he thought well expended. He thought nothing of spending an hour or two hours in admonishing or reasoning or expostulating with a troublesome pupil. Of course some of this work was done out of school hours, but it was no uncommon thing for a single unruly lad to absorb the exclusive attention of the master for half an hour or more, while fifty or sixty pupils were neglected as regarded the great object for which they were sent to school. Indeed, it was a familiar artifice of mischievous fellows thus sometimes to distinguish themselves, at the expense of their companions.

Though a peculiar case, the foregoing illustration of the method is peculiar only in degree. Almost any teacher of mature age, and possessed of the physical, mental and moral qualities required in his work, *could*, perhaps, control a school without the use of force. But, unless notably favored in his allotment of scholars, the teacher is certain to have under his charge some whom he finds it impossible to rule by moral suasion, without giving them a degree of attention quite incompatible with the duties of his position. In many instances he would probably fail after all his pains; this at least is the opinion of Mr. KIDDER, who has had ample opportunity of attaining sound views; but if he succeeded, it would be by paying a disproportionate measure of attention to the mere government apart from the instruction of his school, and by giving to the least industrious and promising of the pupils time and effort which rightly belonged to all the pupils over whom he was placed. So it has been found in New York, and we doubt not, the result *will be* the same wherever the same experiment is tried. It still remains, and will always remain a truth that, wherever government is essential to the end for which human beings *en masse* are placed under the rule of a single will, the governor must be invested not only with authority, but with the means of enforcing by such penalties as the lowest natures are capable of feeling.

THIS is the first time the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry—now in session at St. Louis—has assembled after making any conspicuous figure in politics and legislation. It is the seventh annual session, but it is not much more than a year since the movement began to be popular. The convention represents about 20,000 subordinate granges, with a total membership of nearly a million, distributed through thirty-two States and two Territories, the province of Quebec having also formed a provincial grange. In every department and detail of Western life the Order is claimed to have exerted an immense influence and to have been a political, social and moral revolution. Who shall be members is one of the great questions to be decided by the convention. The Western granges consist almost entirely of farmers, except in the large cities; but there is hardly an Eastern grange that has not in it some members who do not obtain their subsistence entirely by cultivating the soil.

Are Colleges Institutions of "Purely Public Charity?"

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

On the answer to this question, it is affirmed the taxation or non-taxation of colleges depends.

In discussing it we at once set aside institutions called colleges, which are owned and conducted by individuals for their own profit. These are, in no sense, charitable institutions. Colleges, properly such, however, are not so established and not so managed. No donor or trustee derives any profit, in any way, from the institution which he has aided or which he assists in managing.

Girard College, it is admitted, may also be set aside as a purely public charity, because those received into it pay no charges. Nearly all our colleges confessedly, in part, and those owned by individuals, Most persons will admit that all colleges endowed and managed solely for the public good are charitable institutions. This is a great point gained. We have heard the opposite opinion affirmed—that they are no more charitable institutions than a glass factory. But the cases decided in English courts and in the courts of this country, are too numerous to admit of an opposite opinion, especially as the decisions are all on one side.

Are they of "purely public charity?" Those who affirm so readily and positively they are not, should be careful to define their words, so as to exclude colleges and include all institutions universally admitted to be purely charitable. We ask them to do this, and to state just the element which renders a charitable institution one of "purely public charity." A donation or bequest to a college or hospital is the donation or bequest of money, to promote the interests of the college or hospital, a *pure* charity; and an institution erected and endowed by such charities and managed solely for the public good, as it would seem, by parity of reasoning, be a purely public charity. Colleges are so endowed and so managed.

But, it is said, an element is wanting in them—tuition is charged—they are not free. An institution, then, to be classed under the "purely charitable," must be open to the public or patients without charge. To charge one-half or one-third of the cost to the pupil or patient deprives it of the character of "purely public charity." It must be entirely free; nothing less will answer.

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ONE remarkable feature in Italian cities is that you see no new buildings in course of erection, growth in that respect having apparently ceased. A new street is being opened, broad and serviceable, from the square of Carlo Felicie, in Genoa, directly to the fortifications of the city, in its course destroying one or two private palaces of no mean pretensions and of centuries in age. King Victor Emmanuel has a lesson in this respect from Napoleon III., and this is the fourth or fifth boulevard which he has opened lately in Genoa, which has for centuries been famous for its narrow and almost inaccessible streets. It is no exaggeration to say that one-half of the streets of the city are so narrow as to render the passage of a vehicle through them simply impossible, carrying of sign and weight delivered therein is brought on the backs of donkeys, or more commonly on the heads of women.

The Committee on Ways and Means will not, for several weeks to come, act definitely on the various financial propositions before them. A little delay will be of infinitely less harm than wrong action from undue haste.

Our additional railroad mileage for the last year was 4,190 miles, which, at the average rate of $40,000 per mile, is the equivalent of $167,000,000 as invested in this great interest during that period.

Iowa towns on the Mississippi river are all moving in the matter of establishing manufactories.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The Rochester *Democrat* inquires whether the Bard of Avon was an ancestor of Sam Bard, of Georgia. No. But his Bardolph was.

A Western Bourbon editor proposes to reduce his editorial corps. He advertises that he will sell a pig.

A German grange paper will soon be started at Lincoln, Illinois, named *Flotsem und de Hemilshenkrout*, or words to that effect.

The New York *Herald* says Jeff. Davis "is still hanging around Memphis." This is an error which ought to be true.

The Chicago *Post and Mail* styles Bismarck the devil-fish of European politics.

It is argued in Chicago that faro banks help the trade of that city. Probably they do modify its worst features some.

Revenge. A Massachusetts Mayor, whose salary is but ninety dollars per year, has just delivered an inaugural address twelve columns long.

Mrs. Scott, of Ohio, is the latest aspirant for musical honors. If she's Scott beauty she will win golden opinions.

The Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, after casting about for some especially ungodly city in which to inaugurate a prayerful crusade against rum, has selected Worcester.

The co-operative system is being run into the ground in England. The latest example is in the form of a novel, the joint production of seven literary laborers.

Baby poetry. A little four year old Oswego girl went running into the house the other day, exclaiming, "Mamma, mamma, I've seen Jack Frost! I've seen Jack Frost!" "Where did you see him my darling?" queried the mother. "Oh, I saw the tip of his tail hanging over the eaves." She had seen an icicle.

Sarah Pinckney is captain of a Mississippi steamer, and anticipates her engine whenever it is necessary to have a blowing up.

One of the guides in the Yosemite Valley lately declined to allow a man and his wife to ride on the same mule, because of the injunction "What heaven has joined, let no man put ass under."

An old grave stone, unearthed recently on the Ohio river bank, and bearing the inscription, "Fanny W., 1690," is exciting the curiosity of the quid nuncs of Carrollton, Kentucky.

A very quiet and unassuming young Tennessean has invented a piece of artillery that will mow down men at the rate of a regiment a minute. It has been tested, and is declared to be the most formidable instrument of war now in existence.

Some Frenchmen living in Alsace have just been elected to the German Reichstag. This is about the same as if Toombs and Jeff. Davis were elected to the Federal Legislature.

The Mormons and Navajoes are having a killing match. "Go it, husband; go it, bear."

The "third term" disease has broken out again among the independent journals, and there are strong symptoms of "Cæsarism" again attacking the New York *Herald*.

Well-dressed highwaymen are collecting money with their pistols on the steamboats at New Orleans.

The survivors in the Northwest of the old Liberal party of the anti-slavery struggle met in Chicago recently, and decided to hold a grand reunion some time next spring.

The Southern members are practically unanimous against the tax on tobacco. They allege that an increase would be almost ruinous to their section.

Great numbers of printers are idle in Germany, and the business of book-making is almost at a standstill. Many printers in Paris are also out of employment.

One of the essentials of the creed of the new Church formed by women, is the addition of a daughter, the Soul, to the family of the Godhead.

The New York Legislature has one "gentleman" among its members. He comes from Buffalo, where they have Indian relics and such things.

San Francisco is afflicted with a mining stock mania, which, if not checked, must eventually end in financial collapse, and its consequent reaction upon mining operations.

The Evangelical clergymen of Detroit have been discussing the propriety of having but one sermon on Sunday. Most of those who took part in the discussion were in favor of one service.

Applicants for examination under the Civil Service rules are by no means as numerous as formerly, the impression being that the system will not last many weeks longer.

There are some three thousand natives of Sweden in Boston, most of whom have come from their native land within the past five years.

The Grangers' movement has found a historian in the editor of the *Western Rural*, whose "History of the Origin, Aims and Progress of the Farmers' Movement, the Transportation Question," &c., will soon appear.

The Treasury Department strongly favors a specific duty instead of an *ad valorem* duty, in all cases.

The American-Atlantic Cable Company expect to complete the laying of their cable from the west coast of Ireland to the shores of New Hampshire, in May next.

A cookery school has been established among several aristocratic ladies in London, who agree to take home and eat what they cook.

It is an honor to womanhood that not a dollar has ever been missing from the Department of the Comptroller of the Currency, where women exclusively are employed as clerks.

Five hundred more claims have been presented to this Congress than to the last in the same corresponding period, and the cry is still they come.

"Outstanding legal tenders" are not increasing these days, and that is one comfort. The sum has not varied much lately from $381,700,000.

Does protection *not* protect? Liverpool is shipping no more freight to this country than can be easily carried by the weekly mail steamers. The strong current of trade runs in the other direction now.

The legality of assessments for the high-schools is being contested in the courts of Michigan, a property owner refusing to pay his assessment. The case will be carried to the Supreme Court, no matter which way it is decided.

Next summer, it is affirmed, Mr. Howells is to give way as editor of the *Atlantic* to Mr. H. E. Scudder, a literary partner in the publishing firm of Houghton & Co.

Old age. A New Hampshire paper gives the names of fifty-two persons who died in 1873 over the age of ninety years. Two were over 100, and the united ages amount to 4,854 years, ten months and ten days; an average of over ninety-three years.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Chief Justice Waite has already issued her first decision in the supreme court of fashion. She has decided not to wait on any of the female dignitaries, not even Mrs. Fish, which is pronounced by all a violation of the Constitution. It is reported that President Grant enjoys the impromptu demands of Mrs. Waite hugely, and is glad that Mrs. Fish has had her fins clipped, so that she can't swim as defiantly as has been her practice. As a matter of course, there is great commotion among the tad-poles, minnows, porgies, porpoises and whales of Washington society.

He will be an uncommonly mean thief if he keeps that watch of Thurlow Weed's, with the portraits inside of the veteran editor's wife and daughter. It was stolen from him a day or two ago while riding in a New York stage.

General James A. Ekin, Chief Quartermaster of the Military Division of the South, has been, in the name of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, formally invited to make any suggestions he may think the committee in the line of economy and reform.

Sir Walter Crofton, founder of the Irish prison system, is expected to arrive in Boston before the Massachusetts Legislature adjourns, and to present his views before the committee which is considering the subject of prison reform.

Charles Astor Bristed (Carl Benson) is said to have been the only man in America worth a million of dollars who was not afraid to say what he thought. One would imagine that a rich man could afford to be independent.

Thomas King, an old man who had become insane from loss of property, visited the Louisiana Senate chamber a few days ago, with a can of powder, and threatened to fire into the can and blow up the building.

Ex-United States Senator James Shields, formerly of Illinois, then of Minnesota, subsequently of California, and now of Carrollton, Missouri, who had a leg broken in May last, is able to walk about. General Shields was in the Mexican war and in the late rebellion, and he used to tell of him that he never went into a battle without getting shot.

William Corrie, the hermit of the Blue Ridge, has gone mad. Corrie was a straggler, left by the retiring Union army, in Loudoun. For some years past he had been living alone, in the neighborhood of Woodgrove, wherever he could find shelter, burrowing in caves and outhouses, and making his bread and meat as best he could.

Colonel John Hay will be sketched with pen and pencil in the April *Scribner's*.

Edward Ong, aged eighteen, who lives in Iowa, is less in size than Tom Thumb or Commodore Nutt, and is only half an inch taller than Minnie Warren. He visited the Illiputians at Burlington, last week, and had a pleasant interview with them.

THE RELIGIOUS AMENDMENT

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Declaration of Principles

INTERESTING REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS.

Mr. McAllister on Mr. Brunot and President Woolsey.

Speeches of Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., Hon. T. H. B. Patterson, Rev. S. F. Scovel, D.D., President George P. Hays, and R. Audley Browne, D.D.

The second day's session of the National Convention to secure the Religious Amendment to the Federal Constitution convened in Library Hall yesterday morning at half past nine o'clock, Hon. Felix R. Brunot presiding.

The exercises were opened with a prayer by Rev. Mr. Corey.

Reports of committees were called for but no response was made, and the chairman announced that addresses would be in order.

Prof. George, of Ohio, reported that the movement was gaining strength in that State, and called upon the Rev. Mr. Kalb, of Bellefontaine, who responded, and made a good speech.

Rev. D. McAllister said that the Committee on Petition to Congress was too small. On his motion, Revs. Ormond, McFarland, Brown and Hill were added to the committee.

On motion of Rev. McAllister, the following Finance Committee was also appointed: Henry Martin, Esq., Daniel Wilson, Esq., Rev. C. D. Trumbull, Rev. John Edgar, and Rev. T. A. Sproul.

Rev. J. G. Milligan, of New York, was next introduced, and delivered a forcible speech on the conflict between Christianity and infidelity.

Declaration of Principles and Resolutions.

Mr. Lytle, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, announced the committee ready to report. He stated that the report was in two parts: 1st. A Declaration of Principles. 2d. A Series of Resolutions. Dr. Hays would first read the Declaration of Principles.

Mr. Brunot remarked that the committee had agreed upon a dual report, and it would perhaps be in order to receive one part at a time.

Dr. Hays then read the following

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

The friends of National Reform in general convention assembled, do hereby make the following declaration of their position, principles and objects, and cordially invite the co-operation of all who accept in whole or in part the views herein set forth:

1st. That this nation has settled and its institutions founded by those who believe in God and accept His revealed will as the law of their rights, and their religious faith, was not an external feature, engrafted on their political existence, but an original, fundamental and essential element in the government and institutions. Hence the organization of a total membership of nearly a million, distributed through thirty-two States and two Territories, the province of Quebec having also formed a provincial grange. In every department and detail of Western life the Order is claimed to have exerted an immense influence and to have been a political, social and moral revolution. Who shall be members is one of the great questions to be decided by the convention. The Western granges consist almost entirely of farmers, except in the large cities; but there is hardly an Eastern grange that has not in it some members who do not obtain their subsistence entirely by cultivating the soil.

Are Colleges Institutions of "Purely Public Charity?"

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

On the answer to this question, it is affirmed the taxation or non-taxation of colleges depends.

In discussing it we at once set aside institutions called colleges, which are owned and conducted by individuals for their own profit. These are, in no sense, charitable institutions. Colleges, properly such, however, are not so established and not so managed. No donor or trustee derives any profit, in any way, from the institution which he has aided or which he assists in managing.

Girard College, it is admitted, may also be set aside as a purely public charity, because those received into it pay no charges. Nearly all our colleges confessedly, in part, and those owned by individuals. Most persons will admit that all colleges endowed and managed solely for the public good are charitable institutions. This is a great point gained. We have heard the opposite opinion affirmed—that they are no more charitable institutions than a glass factory. But the cases decided in English courts and in the courts of this country, are too numerous to admit of an opposite opinion, especially as the decisions are all on one side.

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2d. That the wide spread and ever increasing demoralization of our national life as seen in frequent and flagrant instances of official corruption; in the lowered tone of commercial honor and honesty; in the relaxation of the sacred ties of the family; in the prevalence of social vices and crimes of violence; and in the rising spirit of lawlessness and anarchy, is fearfully significant that the connection between our governments and Christianity is ignored in the Constitution, and that the fundamental law of the land is regarded as entirely independent of the Christian element.

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4th. That the power of our movement and that which has achieved its past success and imparts its present prestige, is its identification with the elements and glory of the Son of God; and that the adoption by the association of the suggestion frequently made of holding in observance the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ to recognition by the nation, would be ingratitude to our leader and fatal to the cause in which we are embarked.

5th. That while we would not underrate or despise the number and power of our enemies, we feel unfaltering confidence in the final and complete triumph of our principles, believing them to be inseparably connected with the prosperity and perpetuity of the nation.

6th. That we appeal with confidence to the friends who, by their prayers, labors and contributions, have sustained this movement in the past, to continue and increase their exertions in its behalf, assured that the reward of those exertions will be as great as the cause in which they are spent is glorious.

DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT.

Mr. Brunot asked whether the report would be considered as a whole or separately.

A delegate moved that the Declaration of Principles be first discussed, which was agreed to, and remarks were called for.

Dr. Hays stated that there were some doubts as to whether any declaration should be made. For one, he was in favor of this declaration, and gave his reasons therefor, explaining the several propositions contained therein. The proper observance of the Sabbath, the sanctity of the oath, the preciousness of the marriage relation, the maintenance of the Bible in the public schools, and the prohibition of the unchristian use of the mails, were the vital questions at issue.

Rev. D. McAllister said the mass of the people failed to comprehend what was practical in the association had in view. The association labored to reform all the abuses in the nation, and was to carefully all friends of these reforms, they proposed to raise the banner of this religious amendment in the fundamental law of the nation had been educated up to a proper realization of the relations between the government and religion, then the friends of this movement hoped to be able to go further and demand that this amendment be engrafted into the fundamental law. He had no doubt whatever of the ultimate success of the movement. [Applause.]

Rev. J. G. Milligan, of Allegheny, followed in a few remarks. He held it as a fact that the Lord governs the nation, and that He can boast if He will. If we, as a nation, cannot exist without the overruling care and providence of God, was it not absolutely necessary that we acknowledge that fact? [Applause.] Take away a belief in God, destroy the sacredness of the Sabbath and the sanctity of the marriage relation, and cease to give moral instruction to the young by casting the Bible out of the public

FINANCE AND TRADE.

THURSDAY EVENING, February 5, 1874.

The money market of Pittsburgh is without change of importance, quotations remaining as they have been for some time past. At the banks paper of customers is discounted at from 7@9 per cent., and such as is classed as outside," pays about one per cent. more. Street rates are high and lenders hard to please. This disposition to be rigid in the choice of names, and slow to act even when paper is satisfactory, is one of the relics of the panic, which bids fair to remain with us a long time, confidence proving itself to be a plant of slow growth in youthful as well as old minds.

The "Gold Redemption bill" has been recalled by Mr. Freeman Clark, which he calls a bill to provide a currency of coin and paper equal and uniform in value throughout the United States; and section 2 keeps the bank notes as legal tenders which Mr. Clark thinks will keep $150,000,000 of the $356,000,000 in the vaults of the banks to prevent a run for gold. Section 3 creates the redeeming bank and authorizes banks to subscribe three per cent. of their capital. The fourth section makes the redeeming bank pay one pay taxes on reserves held by it for other banks. Section 5 directs the hoarding of gold in the Treasury till they get $100,000,000, when an increase of the currency will be needed by redemption and reissue of the legal tenders. Section 6 provides for free banking on a gold basis.

This is essentially the same as the five million dollar national bank scheme which was advertised in our columns some eighteen months since, and which fell through for want of public support. Of the author and purpose of this measure, a Washington correspondent says:

Mr. Clarke is a man of wealth, a bank President, one of the Directors of the Union Trust Company, was Comptroller of the Currency before Hurlbut. It seems good to find a man like Mr. Clarke manifestly conservative. He is one of a large number who will fight to the bitter end every effort for inflation, and use all endeavors to kill every general measure that does not look to a return of specie payment. The members of the Banking and Currency Committee say that, if they can keep off a Democratic vote in the House on inflation, they will be ready in a month to do something to prevent it."

But with the multitudinous schemes offered to refuse and delay we are confirmed in the view that the session will be half over and probably near its end before anything is ready to be done to limit or expand the currency for the forty-four million reserve in the meantime making a part of the circulation of the country.

The *American Railroad Journal* presents its usual carefully prepared annual exhibit of the progress of railroad building in the United States. The following is a recapitulation of the tables of the mileage and cost of the railroads existing in the States and Territories at the beginning of 1874:

States, &c.	Length in Miles—Completed.	Cost of Road and Equipment.
	Total.	Completed.
United States	6,350.79	5,658.98
Eastern States	19,109.38	11,660.17
Middle States	9,480.02	7,038.61
South & W. States	11,521.57	8,843.24
Pacific States	2,001.91	1,582.75
Central, West	27,589 60	14,471.95
Pacific Slope	10,611.60	3,197.97
Total	141,760.44	74,402.63

States, &c.	Length in Miles—Completed.	Cost of Road and Equipment.
	Total.	Completed.
United States	1,904.14	1,125.83
Eastern States	226.35	196.12
Middle States	1,826 96	810.18
Central, East	383.80	975.10
Central, West	2,319.37	1,573.72
Pacific Slope	675.80	439 67
Total increase	8,456 94	5,344.55

From the above tabulation it appears that there is in the United States, at the close of 1874, a total of 74,402 miles of railroad, which has been built at a cost of $5,926,413,009, or at an average cost of $65,740 per mile, and that there were constructed during the year 1873 5,345 miles, at a cost of $290,843,206, or at an average cost of $55,182 per mile. It is probable that a considerable shrinkage per cent. of this average—belongs to second or third mortgage bonds, hence we may estimate that the average cost of railroads is in the neighborhood of $50,000 per mile. Yet again another large percentage may be taken from the average as having been expended on improvements, like tracking and steel railing previously existing roads, and in adding to rolling stock, &c. Say ten per cent. ought to be deducted for these, the average price is reduced to $45,000. But the cost of roads in different sections and over different grades is so diverse that to generalize is of little use. It is evident, however, that the roads built in 1873 have been built at a larger cost than is given on the full average.

The Monongahela Savings bank have retired their office from the South Side and now occupying the building on the corner of Fourth avenue and Smithfield street. They add increasing their capital by calling in the unpaid portion of their stock and by a sale of new stock to such parties as are interested in the success of the bank. We know of no better opportunity for parties wishing to get a paying stock that is not an experiment, as the bank already has a profitable line of deposits. The following table shows the prices of various stocks, gold, &c., at the various sales of the New York Stock Exchange, during the day. Furnished by Luther S. Kauffman, broker, 96 Fourth avenue:

February 5, 1874.	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Henry Clay Frick	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Pacific Mail	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾
Adams Express	64	64	64	64	64	64
United States	75		74¾			
American Express	47		47			
Central Pacific	95¾		95¾			
New York Central	104¾	105	104¾	104¾	104¾	105
Erie	17¾		17¾			
Virginia Central	42¾	43	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾
Michigan Central	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾
Illinois Central	117	117	117	117	117	117
Preferred	118¾	118¾	118¾	118¾	118¾	118¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93¾	94	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾
Fort Wayne	94	94	94	94	94	94
Ohio & Mississippi	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Preferred	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾
Wabash	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
Canton Company	48		48			
Quicksilver	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
Preferred	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾
Western Union	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾
Atlantic & Pacific	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Chicago & Alton	93		93			
Preferred	125¾		125¾			
Gold	111¾	111¾		111¾	111¾	111¾

The following are the quotations for government and State bonds received by wire from New York to-day:

	GOVERNMENTS.	Morn.	Noon.	Close.
6s, 1881		117¾	117¾	118
6s, 1881, coupons		118¼	118¼	118¼
1862		115¾	115¾	115¾
1864		115¾	115¾	115¾
1865		116	116	116
1865, new		116¾	116¾	117
1867		118¼	118¼	118¼
1868		117¾	118	118
5-20s		110¾	110¾	110¾
5-20s, coupons		114¾	114¾	114¾
10-40s		115	115¾	115¾
7-30 per cents		111¾	111¾	111¾
	STATE BONDS.			
Tennessee		82		81¾
Tennessee, new		81¾		81¾
North Carolina, April		39		39
North Carolina, July		9¾		9
Virginia, 6s		92½		

Robinson & Co., bankers, Fourth avenue, publish the following report of active stocks at Philadelphia Board:

Pennsylvania R. R.	49¾
Reading R. R.	95¾
Lehigh Scrip	95¾
Lehigh Zinc	56¾
Little Schuylkill	59
Mine Hill	91
Central Transportation	43
Northern Transportation	50

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, February 5, 1874.

MARKS—Winter, mild though it is, still lingers with all the rather enjoyable things otherwise. No most noticeable feature in the markets is the advance in carbon oil from 13½c to 14c per gallon, with an upward tendency. Oil dealers are jubilant. There is considerable ice running in the Allegheny, though as yet it is not in proper condition for packing for summer use.

The grain market presents no new features, if we except the fact that the arrivals are largely on the increase. There remain firm at previous quotations.

There is a better demand for produce brands of domestic and western flour. The stocks on hand are ample to meet all demands, and holders will not make concessions to effect sales.

Provision and provisions remain unchanged in price, with active trade demand reported by all leading dealers. Hog products seem pleased with the situation.

Coffee here has been a decline of about one cent per pound. The future of the coffee trade depends upon the early receipt of advices from the principal coffee producing regions, which will decide the future status of the market.

Butter and eggs farce in active demand, with the supply about fresh of the demand.

Cheese altogether, the market is not deemed unsatisfactory, and there is little complaint on the part of buyers.

Below will be found the arrivals of the principal articles of produce for the past twenty four hours:

	Cattle, No. head.	Hogs, No. head.	Sheep, No. head.	Horses, No. head.	Mules, No. head.
Thursday, Jan. 29	1,221	11,900	3,300	105	17
Friday, Jan. 30	278	2,415	.....	90	102
Saturday, Jan. 31	908	2,110	400	124	34
Monday, Feb. 2	1,548	2,100	1,310	34	170
Tuesday, Feb. 3	882	2,100	6,300	106	68
Wednesday, Feb. 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	8,853	10,625	10,310	499	391
Last week	7,067	10,015	6,380	315	224
Till noon nothing reported.					

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle for the week ending to-day have been liberal, being an increase over the preceding week. The offerings consist of a mixture of grades, some droves of fine cattle being on sale, and some very low grades, for which there is barely any demand. The attendance of regular buyers is good and although their purchases are not quite at the opening of the market, since then they have taken hold freely and trade to this time has ruled moderately active. Some country buyers and feeders are here. They generally purchase the inferior grades of stock, but as they are not here in large force trade rules a little slow for the common grades of stock. Advices from both New York and Philadelphia are favorable this week, and this makes a better demand for prime shipping cattle. Both buyers and sellers agree that trade is better, more satisfactory, and prices a shade higher than last week. At this writing buyers are purchasing all the stock held at fair market rates, as the probability is that very few cattle will go forward in first hands. Marks close firm at the following

PRICES.

Extra 1,400 to 1,500 lbs fine and smooth, $6 25 to $6 50; extra 1,300 lbs fine and smooth, $5 75 to $6; extra 1,200 lbs fine and smooth, $5 25 to $5 50; prime 1,100 lbs. fine and smooth, $4 75 to $5; fair 1,000 lbs., $4 25 to $4 50; common, $3 50 to $3 75; bulls, $2 50 to $4.

Hogs.

The run of hogs for the week ending to-day has been fair, and in excess of those of last week. The quality of the offerings is generally poor, very little good stock offering. It will be seen by referring to the market prices of two months ago, that there is now more difference in price between prime and common grades than for a long time. During the early part of the season, at different times, there was barely any difference; now, owing to scarcity, the difference is almost $1 per hundred pounds. At present all the good hogs are coming from Chicago and buyers for the best grades have to look to that place for a supply. As yet there are plenty of Yorkers coming here, and this grade can be bought cheaper here than elsewhere. At this writing the market is firm and steady with every prospect of continuing so the balance of the week. Following are the current

PRICES.

Extra Philadelphia $6 75@6 80; prime Philadelphia $6 60@6 70; good mixed hogs $6 40@6 50; Yorkers $5 90@6 10.

Sheep.

The run of sheep for the week has been heavy. The quality is all kinds and grades from extra to very common. The attendance of buyers is good and trade rules moderately active. More sheep changed hands on Tuesday and Wednesday than during the entire last week, and at prices a shade higher. If the run had proved lighter this week, a large advance would have been obtained, as the demand has been very good. Prime sheep are most sought after and sell readily soon after arrival. Common though selling are a little slow.

PRICES.

Extra 100 lbs fine wool $6 25; extra 95 lbs fine wool $6; prime 90 lbs fine wool $5 75; prime 85 lbs fine wool $5 50.

Fresh Cows.

The run of fresh cows is small. There is considerable inquiry for prime milkers, and anything good sells readily at prices ranging from $30 for common to $60 for extra.

Horses and Mules.

As will be seen by report above, the arrival and shipment of horses and mules this week is larger than for several weeks past. They are all in the hands of Eastern men, bought for shipment in anticipation of a spring trade. None selling at these yards.

Cattle.

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Per cwt.	No.	Weight.	Price.
18	36,250	$5 00	18	2,060	$5 10
18	19,070	5 40	15	18,870	5 00
18	19,730	5 25	15	18,560	5 00
8	8,440	5 40	2	2,430	6 00
2	3,010	5 00	2	2,181	4 25
27	43,450	5 15	3	3,280	5 62
27	37,390	5 00	55	47,130	5 00
2	40,020	5 25	1	2,410	7 00
2	14,310	4 75	3	2,850	3 33
18	16,690	4 50	2	2,230	3 25
19	19,970	5 00			

HAZLEWOOD, BLACKSTOCK & NEWTON SOLD

9	7,440	$3 50	20	19,150	4 50
18	11,200	3 50	18	20,460	4 50
17	11,340	4 00			

HOLMES, LAFFERTY & CO. SOLD

2	2,125	$4 75	21	19,650	$3 90
21	21,890	3 90	4	3,870	5 00
18	20,820	3 25	26	24,830	4 62
17	13,420	3 00	55	56,620	4 37
18	20,430	4 00	19	18,150	5 00
1	1,160	3 50	48	45,610	5 00
18	19,320	4 70	31	31,420	4 75
1	2,430	7 50	4	4,240	4 50
2	1,780	3 00	19	19,060	5 37
18	16,270	4 00	1	1,550	4 50
18	16,270	4 00	19	19,300	4 87
45	16,000	6 00	15	20,100	5 00

Hogs.

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD

79	7,760	$5 85	36	5,470	$5 60
97	8,950	5 90	21	3,770	5 75
84	7,870	5 90	41	6,810	5 75
124	8,000	5 80	123	18,870	6 25
114	10,730	6 00	107	16,970	6 25
113	11,280	6 00	150	9,150	6 00
104	12,305	6 00	61	10,500	6 00
103	6,770	5 87	45	3,695	5 85
84	5,300	5 75	45	11,480	5 75
84	7,980	6 60	16	3,770	6 75
84	10,060	5 90	17	3,770	6 75
84	7,450	5 90	28	6,720	6 75
84	8,000	6 00	30	5,780	6 75
90	11,780	5 70	26	6,810	6 75
84	12,560	5 70	46	9,870	6 75
185	25,000	5 90	62	7,030	5 70
84	7,450	5 90	37	9,410	6 00
39	5,120	6 50	21	1,800	6 00
84	11,640	5 70	21	11,640	6 75
82	13,140	6 35	65	10,880	6 10
84	6,980	5 90	31	3,990	6 75
142	6,980	5 80	31	3,990	5 80
84	5,170	5 75	18	2,340	6 25
84	5,950	6 65	21	4,510	6 10
84	11,640	6 65	31	6,810	6 85
169	22,780	6 15	145	18,180	5 80
10	1,350	6 00	22	2,850	5 80

HAZLEWOOD, BLACKSTOCK & NEWTON, SOLD

28	4,960	$5 70	68	11,200	$5 75
84	10,180	5 50	18	7,660	4 75
106	31,550	5 55	75	25,310	6 80
84	11,340	6 00			

HOLMES, LAFFERTY & CO. SOLD.

59	8,040	$5 50	98	10,580	$5 50
40	7,760	5 70	41	10,920	6 00
72	14,150	5 70	49	2,450	5 50
61	14,070	6 00	20	2,190	5 60
96	12,860	6 30	27	7,330	6 00
84	12,040	6 00	55	7,110	5 60
3	760	5 00	205	21,040	5 60
120	21,870	5 70	100	19,470	6 00
84	12,710	5 60	79	21,870	6 70
84	12,040	5 60	50	11,400	6 60
84	12,750	6 10	240	66,960	6 70
103	27,810	6 20	23	11,300	6 60
84	10,360	6 15	32	3,650	6 50
84	10,640	6 15	12	2,240	5 50
84	11,710	6 15	52	12,260	6 60
84	14,920	6 30	124	25,070	6 15
84	11,760	6 50	56	10,000	6 60
78	22,350	6 65	44	12,180	6 60
84	11,760	6 50	46	10,220	6 60
84	20,440	6 80	35	7,370	5 85
84	12,040	6 80	47	11,400	6 70
203	66,180	6 80	9	2,090	5 50
84	5,440	6 45	31	11,060	6 45
84	14,670	6 55	178	33,170	6 55
84	6,960	6 50	128	9,310	6 50
24	4,670	6 65	25	5,750	6 65
84	20,440	6 60	564	99,390	6 60
84	1,960	6 00	131	12,780	5 70
84	13,140	6 60			

Sheep.

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD.

184	9,000	$5	80	6,210	$4 37
84	8,440	5 70	81	8,020	5 85
84	11,350	5 25	100	13,570	5 25
84	1,350	6 00	177	15,070	5 60
181	10,330	4 85	189	15,160	5 00
84	8,440	5 70	101	7,960	4 25
185	17,180	5 70	158	14,200	4 65

HAZLEWOOD, BLACKSTOCK & NEWTON sold

161	16,520	$6	12	16,330	$5 50
84	9,540	5	80	8,720	5 30
84	10,870	6	10	7,750	6 00
84	10,870	6	10	9,100	6 80
84	10,870	6	00	10,010	6 00
84	10,870	6	00	10,080	6 00
84	14,610	5	90	13,020	6 00
	7,980			7,060	

HOLMES, LAFFERTY & CO. SOLD.

140	14,770	$5	90	9,090	$5 00
84	14,170	5	80	12,180	6 00
84	9,250	5	20	3,490	4 00
84	13,560	5	75	11,400	5 00
84	15,400	3	50	13,310	5 00
174	14,480	5	00	12,760	5 00
84	7,520	5	00	4,670	5 00
92	7,980	6	00	10,270	7 00
84	14,980	6	00	12,760	6 00
84	4,670	6	50	3,990	6 00
92	14,470	6	50	12,040	6 00
212	19,380	6	50		

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, PITTSBURGH, PA., January 5, 1874.

REMARKS—The firmness we noted in the oil market yesterday continues; in fact the entire oil region is largely excited, while a number of dealers have withdrawn their oil and refuse to fix a price. The advance since the first of January is over one dollar per barrel or more than the cost of oil at that time. The good time has come, let producers act with the proper spirit and there is no reason to imagine that because oil is going up there will be no stop to the advance. It is a sound business maxim that when you can obtain a good price take it. The prices may still go higher, while the present prices will open up a large number of wells that have been idle for some time.

CRUDE.

The exc tement in the market continues; holders are indifferent about selling. The following lots changed hands at

PARKER'S.

2,000 bbls Union	$2 00
1,000 bbls Union	2 00
1,000 bbls United	1 99

The above sales show an advance since our last issue of 15 to 20 cents per barrel. For prices at other points see dispatches.

REFINED.

The market was very firm, with an advance of 15c per gallon at the works, with sales by the car load of it, being the highest point reached for some time. Prices still tends upward.

Philadelphia market firm, with spot sales 14¾@14¾c; first half March 15, last half March 15c.

New York—Market excited, held at 18½c; sales 3,000 bbls, delivered 15th to 25th at 18¾c. No telling what to morrow's prices will be.

OIL BARRELS.

Steady, city $ 81 90 country, $1 85.

TITUSVILLE, February 5.—The *Herald* says: The market continued excited during the day and closed firm at an advance of about 10 cents over yesterday's quotations. On the upper road the market opened at $2 98 and closed at $2 12½. The market at Parker's continued strong at $1 90 for United and $2 05 for Union. The home refined market was 8 cents in bulk and 15 cents in barrels. Sales:

1,000 bbls upper road, spot	$2 09
5,000 bbls upper road, spot	2 07¾
5,000 bbls upper road, spot	2 10
500 bbls upper road, spot	2 12½
500 bbls Union pipe	2 07
1,000 bbls Parkers, Union pipe	2 05
1,000 bbls Parkers, United pipe	1 90

OIL CITY, February 5.—Market unsettled at $1 90@2 00.

PARKER'S, February 5.—Market active and firm; Union $1 90@1 92½; other lines about $2 00.

ROUSEVILLE, February 5.—Market firm and unsettled; $1 87½@ figures.

TIDIOUTE, February 5.—Market firm and excited; sales crude at $1 85; refined to-day; the past week has had all offerings.

PETROLEUM CENTER, February 5.—Market firm; sales at $1 75.

TITUSVILLE, February 5.—Market firm at $2 20.

NEW YORK, February 5.—Oil trade has been considerable irregularity in the market in holders, accordingly the tone has come on the crook. Crude in bulk 7¾c bid; to be asked for February. Refined at 15½c; sales of 3,000 bbls, delivered in February 1874 with at 15¾c; 1,000 bbls, delivered in February 1875 at 15½c; regular brands of Naphtha 8½c. Full distillate stronger; refined, last February; March 16½c; sales 5,000 bbls last half of February at 14½c; 3,000 bbls this test at 15½c.

PHILADELPHIA, February 5.—Market firm but steady; S. W. 14¼@14¾c; crude 8½c; cases 19c; sales 5,000 bbls February at 14¾c; futures—last for first half March; 15¾c to 15¾c for last half.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
McKelvey	Vesta O W	462
Hasson & Co	Gorman & Co	462
Fisher Bros	Beggs, L & Co	228
Fisher Bros	Chrisman & O W	462
Fisher Bros	Sandard O W	462
Bushnell	Sandard O W	462
Bushnell	Model O W	462
Taft & Falee	American O W	1,016
Taft & Falee	American O W	1,016
Lockhart & Frew	Sandard O W	1,470

Crude Oil Received by River and Rail.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Vesta O W	Model O W	80
Gormley & O W	Model O W	80
Beggs, L & Co	American O W	462
Beggs, L & Co	Standard O W	462
Brilliant O W		2,170
Total		5,670

Refined Oil Shipped East by A. V. R. R., W. P. R. R. and P. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Citizens' Ref Co	Tack Brown Phila	600
J Spar & Co	W F Logan	105
Total		705

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, February 5.—Cattle—Receipts 612 head; total for the week 7,194. Market active at yesterday's prices. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 2,800 head; total for the week 15,600. Market heavy at last week's closing prices. Hogs—Receipts 4,700 head; total for the week 21,300. Market active and steady. Market slow; good Yorkers against 16,000 last week. Market slow; good Yorkers $6 50@6 60; heavy hogs $6 00@6 37½; choice lots a shade higher.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, February 5, 1874.

FLOUR—Market dull; only small local trade.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and declined; No 1 spring $1 26; No 2, $1 21 cash, $1 25¾ seller March; No 3, $1 16. Corn dull and lower; No 2 mixed 37¾c cash, 38¾c seller March, 46c seller May. Oats dull and unsettled; No 2, 42c cash, 42c seller March; rejected 39½c. Rye—demand active and prices advanced; No 1 for 74½@75c; No 2 for 73½@73¾c and unsettled; No 2 fresh $1 80; No 3 $1 64@1 66.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull and declined; $14 40 cash, $14 60 seller March. Lard dull at 9 15@9 20c cash. Bulk meats firm and active; shoulders 5½c; short ribs 7¾@7¾c; clear 7¾@7¾c. Green hams, 10½ average, sold at 9½c. Whisky—Dull and market unsettled; sales at 95½c, closed with sellers 96c.

DRESSED HOGS—Market steady; light $6 60.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, February 5.—Cotton dull and nominal; middling 18½c. Flour dull, in buyers' favor and unchanged. Whisky less active at $1 00@$1 01. Wheat quiet; No 2 spring $1 34@1 37; No 3 Milwaukee $1 29@1 31; No 2 red winter $1 47@1 48; amber $1 47@1 50. Rye firmly held; two and four rowed mixed State $1 80@1 90. Corn opened firm and closed quiet, a shade easier; new western mixed afloat 52@53c; old do, afloat 53@54c; new white western State nominal; receipts 1,000 bush; and unchanged. Hay firm at $1 05@1 10. Hops firm at 20@25c. Sugar firm at 8½@8¾c. Pig iron quiet and steady; refined at 8½c; refined, spot, 15¾@16c, March 16c. Pork heavy at $15 00@15 50. Beef quiet and unchanged; middles heavy at 8½@8¾c. Lard lower at 9 7-16@9 9c. Butter and cheese unchanged.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, February 5.—Cattle—Receipts 3,100 head; making 2,126 for the last three days, against 900 same time last week. Prices about steady; equal to the best 10½c; quiet and unchanged at $10 25@11 50 for ordinary to fair native steers and cows.

Sheep—Receipts 2,200 head, making 8,100 for three days, against 4,700 same time last week. Prices not materially changed; range $6 00@7 75. Swine—Arrivals 6,100 head, making 17,200 for three days, against 9,700 same time last week. Some offered alive, dressed weaker and closed heavy at $7 62½@7 75 for city, and $7 00@7 50 for western.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 5.—Cotton quiet at 18½c. Flour quiet at $7 75. Wheat in fair demand at $1 45@1 50. Corn in fair demand at 49@50c. Oats quiet at 45@45½c. Pork dull and nominal at $15 50. Lard dull and unsettled—steam held at 9 3c; kettle 9½c. Bulk meats dull; 6@7¾@8c. Bacon dull at 7¾@8¾@9c. Whisky market steady with moderate demand; held at 95c. Hogs—Receipts 5,062 head; shipments 2,269 head. Whisky—demand fair and market firm at 96c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, February 5.—Business improves slowly with manufacturers agents, but individual purchasers are light. The market for cotton goods moderately active and prices steadily maintained. Fishing, percales and cambrics in fair request. Ginghams in steady package request. Britich and domes tic dress goods moderately active. Woolen goods in fair demand by clothiers and cloth jobbers.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, February 5.—Cotton quiet at 15c. Flour, wheat and corn quiet and unchanged. Oats firmer at 45@47c. Pork quiet at $15 50@16 00. Bulk meats in fair shoulders 5½c; clear rib 6½c; clear 8½c. Bacon dull; shoulders 6¾@7c; clear rib 9¾@9¾c; clear 10½@10¾c. Lard 9¾c. Whisky steady at 95½c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, February 5.—Flour in fair demand and unchanged. Wheat quiet; Corn and Oats unchanged. Corn firm and steady at 80@82c. Oats firm at 53@56c. Rye quiet at 90@95c. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Whisky steady at $1 00 cash, and $1 01@1 02 on time.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, February 5.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and weak; No 1 Milwaukee $1 25; No 2, $1 20@1 21. Oats quiet; No 2, 40c. Corn steady, with a moderate demand; No 2 mixed 38c. Rye steady with a moderate demand; No 1, 78c. Barley—demand fair and market firm; No 2, 81 7c.

Oswego Market.

OSWEGO, February 5.—Wheat dull; extra white Michigan $1 46; Corn dull at 80c. Barley quiet and firm, and held at $2 10.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, 1874.

Amerique	February 7	France.
Spain	February 7	Liverpool.
California	February 7	Glasgow.
Delta	February 7	Bristol.
Mosel	February 7	Bremen.
City of Chester	February 7	Liverpool.
Baltic	February 7	Liverpool.
State of Georgia	February 7	Liverpool.
Goethe	February 10	Hamburg.
Minnesota	February 10	Liverpool.
Perfere	February 10	France.
Calabria	February 11	Liverpool.
Italia	February 11	Glasgow.
Canada	February 14	Liverpool.
Australia	February 14	Glasgow.
City of New York	February 14	Liverpool.
Oceanic	February 14	Liverpool.
Wisconsin	February 17	Liverpool.
Algeria	February 18	Liverpool.
Caledonia	February 18	Glasgow.
Pommerania	February 19	Hamburg.
Europe	February 21	France.
Egypt	February 21	Liverpool.
Ethiopia	February 21	Glasgow.
Great Western	February 21	Bristol.
City of Antwerp	February 21	Liverpool.
Republic	February 21

The Pittsburgh Commercial: Friday, February 6, 1874

THE RELIGIOUS AMENDMENT

[CONTINUED FROM SECOND PAGE.]

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at half past seven o'clock by President Bonner, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. J. Wilson, D.D.

Rev. H. H. Gryce, Cincinnati, read the report of the Enrolling Committee, as follows: Delegates 641; non-certified delegates, 422; total, 1,063; 18 States represented.

Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, was then introduced and delivered an able address. He commenced by uttering a few words of explanation. He was present by constraint from a sickbed and not from within. Until last Thanksgiving he was supposed to be on the other side; but he would say that he was heart and soul in the matter. He hoped that was clear, although his speech might be dark.

Address of Rev. Hodge.

Although my instincts and convictions have always been thoroughly in sympathy with this movement, yet, as I am not experienced in its exact analysis and in the close study of the several departments of the general question, I shall not attempt the detailed discussion of any one topic, but only a general statement of what I understand to be the state of the case controversy, and the reason for the demands we make.

1. There are three parties in this debate: 1st. The constantly growing band of Christian men who believe this work is the duty of the hour, in which the salvation of the country is involved.

2d. The company of intelligent infidels who consciously disbelieve our principles, and their natural allies, the inventors and the patrons of heresies.

3d. The entire mass of our fellow Christians, the overwhelming majority of the nation, who will agree with us in our principles, but who are, as yet, imperfectly informed as to our ends, our methods, or the necessity for the foothiness of our opposition. With the second class we can have no compromises—we must either convince or defeat them by sheer force. With the third class we can have no controversy. Mutual explanations must remove all misconceptions and lead to cordial co-operation.

II. The end we propose is in the widest sense Catholic and not sectarian. It is simply the recognition within its legitimate sphere by the national government of the general truth of theism and Christianity. These are fundamental to the creed and traditional institutions of all Roman Catholics alike, Gallican and Ultramontane, of all German Lutherans and French Huguenots, of Anglo-Churchmen, high, and broad, and low, of English and American Puritans and Scotch Covenanters. This movement ought to provoke no controversy. In the end it will occasion no division, except between these and atheists, Christian and infidel.

III. The point we wage recognized in the Constitution is the recognition of the churches, the history of the schools, but a simple fact, everywhere operating, and universally recognized by believers, Jesus Christ is as a fact "the ruler among the Nations." (1) providentially, guiding their affairs and determining their destinies; (2) morally, by the revelation or truth and duty, the exhibition of motives, and the stimulous and discipline of providentially arranged circumstances. If this be a matter of fact generally believed, ought not a great self-governing community like this nation, conscious of its acts and of their relation to God, to make practical recognition of the fact?

IV. The practical recognition of this fact is no new thing in American history. It has formed a prominent characteristic of our successive governments, Colonial, State and National, from the beginning. We propose the adoption of no new principles, and no radical change of principles, but only that we recognize, as a fundamental principle in the National written Constitution, that which has been an universally recognized principle of national life from the first. We aim at not change, but at consistency. We want to preserve through all coming time and consistently carry out in all departments of the life of the nation the principle or fact that Christianity is an element in the common law of the land. It was the principle which this great principle been confessed by our nation from the beginning. This is plain in all the history of the Mother Country whose institutions we have inherited. In the institutions and innumerable formularies of the Anglican Church, in the Statutes of the States and the national government with respect to blasphemy, oaths, the Sabbath, marriage and divorce, and in the provisions by law for Christian chapains for the army and navy and for Congress, and by their daily appointed worship in the presence and with the assent of the officers of the government in their official character; by the distinct assertion of these principles in the inaugural addresses of all our Presidents, and in the official appointment of days of public thanksgiving and fasting; and above all the entire system of education in the country for the first two hundred years of its history, was the establishment of institutions for the promotion of Christian objects. In all these schools and academies Christianity was recognized by devotional exercises, by religious instruction and was largely embodied in dictionaries, geographies, histories, works of general literature and text-books. Our present rapidly expanding system of national education has grown out of this early and long established system. We retain the text-books and educational literature, the fruit of the Christianity of a past age, and we retain also the Christian institutions of Bible reading, &c. The great debate which divides Catholics and Protestants on this subject relates not at all to the principle of Christianity in the school, but rather as to the form, quality and quantity of Christianity to be taught. The one party demands for their children full denominational instruction. The other party being satisfied, with us, with the recognition of the Bible as the supreme Ruler through His Providence and the Supreme Revelation of the Scriptures, as the basis of all our op; onents who propose to change all this. They propose to abolish the oath, and the civil Sabbath as such, and the recognition of God in any shape. They propose to modify the law of marriage, to do away with the sacramental idea of it, to give the rights of men in their wives, and the rights of parents in their children. They propose to purge Christianity from every trace of its distinctive and supernatural character, from the text-books of the schools, and the instructions of the teachers.

We desire to emphasize this fact with all our force. We are not innovators but conservers of the traditions of our nation. We do not wish to establish no theological crochet, nor to secure the acknowledgment of any class of principles which we want simply to make part of the permanent written law of what has always from the beginning formed an element of traditional and acquiesced in part of the unwritten law. It is essential for our success that we be clearly understood. The mass of unbelieving people are not affected by abstract reasoning, but by appeals to their emotions or their interests, by sympathy, by fear, by shame, by the light which they are familiar; indisposed to attempt re form, by the complex consequences of which they are not able fully to anticipate. Naturally, and with a healthy instinct, they shrink from the suggestions of innovation, and resist reform when they are summoned to assent to principles and to defend institutions inherited from their fathers, the benefits of which they realize from experience.

V. Observe, 1st. The explicit assertion of this principle is the assertion of the historical truth and right of a dissenting minority which they possess under the historical conditions above explained. They are not asking for what the present written Constitution and immemorial traditions and practical usages of our nation do not give them.

2d. Every nation and its institutions have necessarily a character historically determined, which is essential to its identity, into which all starting from another ground, and to which all immigrants from abroad voluntarily accede. As the nation was formed by its English descent and language and political experience and by its republican government, so has it been formed by the Christianity. As the nation is invaded by accepting the historical social structure of the community into which he is born, or into which he voluntarily immigrates, so may liberty also be invaded by the maintenance in every legal way of the nation of its religious character.

3d. If the Christian majority prevail and maintain Christian institutions, the infidel minority will be just where it has been in the case of the Jewish population in which they voluntarily accepted citizenship; and while they may be restrained from some self-indulgences, they will be unmolested as to their religious opinions and as to their conscientious devotion of their convictions.

On the other hand, if the unbelieving minority prevail, the Christian majority will lose that precious heritage from their fathers which they held in trust for their children, and they will be outlawed. For, when the law of man contradicts the law of God, the Christian is commanded to obey the law of God, disobey the law of man and take the consequences.

VI. There are two Constitutions of the nation, the written and the unwritten. Neither of these are arbitrary conventions of contracting parties. These, in every land and age, are the result of processes of growth, and they embody the form of recognized law of the great historically established facts of national character and condition. This is true, writers of Roman constitutional law. Afterwards, when the facts have been providentially changed, the written constitution has been amended to express these facts. With respect to the national religion, an important omission was made at the first. That omission has been gradually altered none of the facts of the case, but under changed conditions, it may bring them into question.

We claim that since the religion of the nation and its government is a matter of fact and ancient traditional rights, there is the same propriety in announcing that fact in the fundamental law of the land that there is for formulating any other principle which gives character to the government. If it be thought desirable to insist in the bond for a republican form of government that it must be quite as essential to provide that the government, whatever be its form, shall be obedient to the revealed will of God.

VII. We are now brought to an historical crisis, when the necessity for the formal constitutional recognition of Christianity is becoming more and more urgently pressed by every intelligent observer.

1. Nations, like individuals, are brought by growth or by special discipline to clearer self-consciousness, the relations of man, the relations of nations, are not at first understood. And the importance of defining principles, and establishing usages which may be made apparent by their denial, or by newly developed opposition.

2. Recently multitudes of dissppointed political and social theorists have immigrated to our land, who are disseminating theories of government and of man's relation to God which are as inconsistent with the facts and traditions of our government as with the Christian religion. They are ignorant of our history and to the present abundant evidences of our national character, claiming that our written law shall be conformed to these facts. Our opponents, in the name of the abstract rights of man, in ignorance of our conditions, propose to take the accidental omission of the recognition of Christianity from our written Constitution, contrary to our history and traditions and ,the living faith of the majority shall be denationalized in order to conform our practice to the silence of our Constitution. Our fathers were the fathers whose lives and work made this nation, and whose faith gave character to our institutions. Catholics, Episcopalians, Puritans, Huguenots, Quakers, English, Scotch, Irish, Dutch and German Presbyterians and Lutherans and Wesleyans, while our opponents, for the most part, unless as we let them share in our heritage, are as destitute of a country as they are of a God.

3. We are now engaged in perfecting and extending the most comprehensive and effective system of national government ever known among men. The whole continent will be brought under one comprehensive administration, embracing all the children of the nation, and all peoples of all lands are to become one school to the university. It is alike absurd in principle, and in flat contradiction with universal experience, to suppose that the education of the understanding can be separated from the education of the reason and conscience, or that the communication of knowledge can be separated from the formation of moral and religious principles. Hitherto the general belief, in the literary apparatus and methods of our education has been modeled by Christianity. Shall it remain so in the future? Shall the majority, in the face of freedom, deny the majority the privilege of having their children taught in the science and interpretations of God's work? Can the majority be deceived into believing that absolute silence as to God's agency is not, under such circumstances, equivalent to denial, and that the withholding of all religious element from the scheme of education is not equivalent to the inculcation of Atheism? As the government of the nation prepares itself for the tremendous responsibility of educating all the youth of the land, who shall forbid that it shall wisely and with due forethought institute fundamental laws, that immemorial faith of our Christian race and of our nation, that as men can successfully rule others only as they are themselves governed by Christ, so they can successfully teach others only as they are themselves first taught by Christ.

VIII. The character of Christian belong to the nation regarded not only as a collection of individuals, but as a well when regarded as an organized community established by constitutional law of government. This we claim to be true of our nation, both as a matter of principle and as an unquestioned fact.

1. As a matter of principle no man can deny moral and religious character to their governments, who does not deny them to the individuals who compose them. The nation, as an organized tree, brave, moral, energetic, obviously the nation is so. Now, government is a function of the nation as an organized community, and not distinct from the nation, as thus historically organized, is the government. The character of the people forms the character of the nation, and the character of the nation forms the character of the government. In every act of the government which concerns moral and religious questions, it must be obedient to the great law-giver or disobedient, religious or irreligious.

The family and the nation and the civil government are as much creations of God as the individuals that compose them. Men are born under government and can only exist under governmental conditions. Civil government is as certainly ordained of God as is the church, and certainly instrument in different spheres. The evangelist is a minister of God to preach, and the magistrate is a minister of God to rule. The Christian scriptures is a revelation of God's will to each in his own sphere. The Christian minister receives the word of God as his law in the Church and interprets it for himself. The Christian magistrate receives the same word as his rule in the State as far as it casts light on human duties and relations involved in the functions of government, and the magistrate interprets it for himself.

It is self-evident that if a legislator is a Christian, he will claim that it is most important that we, the people of the United States as a people should so proclaim and acknowledge them, individually and as a nation, in our National Constitution, so that we may thus place in our national charter of rights these our most sacred inheritances. So that we may thus record in black and white our position as a nation upon this most important of all the mooted questions of the day and for ever negative the demands of those irreligious libertines who would wish to raise objections to the Christian customs and observances of our people, little dreaming that granting their demands would be certainly to initiate our governmental fabric about our ears as that night would follow day. Such men are the visionaries, and not we. For we only seek, owing to the hostile claims of such visionaries, to transfer the acknowledgment of God and Christianity from the common and shadow law of our land and people, as it exists now by all authority in writing of no note, to the written language of our National Constitution, so as to transmit the same without even a scarl or other children. Let us note the true status of Christianity and God under the law. In matters now stand. Our nation is a Union, not of the several States, but of the people residing within the United States. And "we, the people of the United States," retain all our common law and statutory rights, which we have not expressly delegated to our national authorities, or restricted in the Declaration of Rights in our National or State Constitutions. So that our United States Constitution leaves undisturbed and confirms under the common law and statutory rights of the people, living throughout the various States, except where there is express language of the Constitution modifies those rights, among the most sacred of those, commonly, are and shall remain the religious and the acknowledgment of our God and Christianity. This is the unquestionable status of the decisions of all our courts, both State and national, and therefore desire this acknowledgment, not only to take place in the written and legal language of the Constitution, which necessarily attend a matter depending on the statutes of the nation, but in common and statute law; but also for the purpose of calling to the attention of the people of this and other nations to the fundamental importance of the principle which this convention seeks to religious intolerance to wedding church and State. No such tendency exists. On the contrary, that the recognition of religion in the written law in the preamble of our National Constitution an acknowledgment of the dependence of our people on God, and the character of our nation, such as is now generally and authoritatively conceded to be the law of our land, would be the strongest bulwark of religious liberty. Is it of any vital practical importance, or is it the mere phantasy of theoretical visionaries?

Warned by unfavorable symptoms in our national life at present manifested only too plainly, let us stop and reflect. In questions of national life and policy we have two sources of guidance, Revelation and History—two kinds of relations, Godward and Manward.

From a Christian standpoint, as regards the relation of our nation toward God, or, indeed, as regards its relation both toward God and man for those of us who accept God's supremacy, Revelation and the Bible is as binding upon the movement is certainly of vital and practical importance, it would seem. But in view of the numerous admonitions and commendations by God to nations in regard to acknowledging Him and serving Him, the duty to acknowledge Him in our National Constitution seems clear beyond doubt, and the omission to mention His name highly reprehensible and inexcusable.

And now let us, as statesmen, pass on to view this movement Manward as concerning the relations of the nation to individuals and of the nation to other nations. History supplies us the only human aid for our guidance, and that is the lamp of experience. We know of no way of judging of the future, but by the past. Lifting our eyes from the present, let us gaze upon the past. There we shall see that as century-waves which, further and further receding, roll on in majesty and beauty together, and at last into one unbroken tide and flow far away on the horizon of remote antiquity. Let us think of the wars of departed ages and of the mighty empires Time has seen created and destroyed; of the nations whose birth it has witnessed, whose progress it has watched, whose annihilation it has seen. In the course of time each nation has developed its principle and its life and death, the grandeur and decay of nations furnish materials for the philosophy of history.

While Time by successive years, and mankind by succeeding generations, are continuous, why do decay and death appear to be inevitable incidents of national existence?

The answer at once suggests itself. In the ancient world we see nations with their natural tendencies free from the restraining influences of Christianity, and there was the constant tendency of national principles and passions of man; we even find Christian women in Christian Spain, waging against liquor dealers a crusade, successful, where men and laws failed. Shall we see these and many other progressive changes. What is the elevating influence which has been introduced into society? Shall not these progressive changes have been produced, and how shall they be preserved and increased?

From the most careful historical and philosophical research and observation, we conclude that "Man is a religious being—he will worship." Herein he is distinguished from the animals. From the same sources we conclude that "Man, by worshipping, becomes assimilated to the moral character of the object which he worships." This is an invariable principle operating with the certainty of cause and effect. The nature of man looks upon the character of the object, which he worships as the standard of perfection. Herein consists the transforming power of devotion and communion with the Supreme and Divine. Assuming these facts which we might spend a whole night in illustrating and proving beyond all doubt from the history of all nations, let us assume as admitted truth that man is the highest of all material existences.

Now man, being the highest material creature, how can he elevate himself above himself? He may take the object of worship the purest, holiest statesmen of mankind and assimilate thereto, but cannot thereby elevate himself above himself. Hence the numerous material objects of worship being lower than himself would tend to degrade rather than elevate. Hence the corrupting and degrading tendencies of the worship of money, of material wealth and power and the luxuries of life. Hence the importance of the necessity recognized by the thinkers of all ages for a God above and beyond man and the universal prevalence of the belief in such a God. Thus we see that ancient civilization, founded on principles of war and injustice, necessarily perished, while modern civilization has descended on the heaven born principles, Christianity, justice, and peace, and has advanced with a rapid progress toward the time foretold as the highest goal of nations' greatness, "when nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Such are the teachings and progress of the nations of the past; let us improve the results for those who come after us. Just as the aloe shoots up its stalk and blossom in a single night, the fruit of which has been calmly collecting for a century, so it would appear that the nations of the past were destined to pour forth their accummulated political experience in one luxurious flower of rare proportion—our constitutional form of government. But our fair bloom depends for its vitality on the invigorating sap of religious virtue, and unless we engraft on our system by Christian sunlight and air from above. Let corruption or misguided public opinion blast our prosperity, and our glory of life, and our blossom of fair promise will fade away in premature decay, a fruitless germ. Let us guard with our constitutional law, as it center the life and hopes, not of our nation alone, but of the world.

Throwing aside our well known tendency to shut our eyes against painful truths, let us conscientiously look into the actual condition of our country, and, if willing, to know the whole truth and to provide for it. From review of the past we conclude with the great statesman and patriot Jay, that in the virtue of the people ultimately rests all governmental institutions; that luxury and corruption are fatal to any nation unless speedily checked.

What are our symptoms? Is our nation still characterized by that practical virtue, honesty and truthfulness, devotion to principle, fair dealing, honesty, &c., as it was fifty or a hundred years ago? Do each answer for themselves from ourselves and our surroundings. I will only illustrate by the example of the wood, monument, as he done from the days of a fifth of our nation to-day—belief in the almighty dollar. Certainly his confidence was no: surprising. He had seen it tried and tested. He had seen many work miracles. He had seen himself, a man of no cleverness and of no advantages, rising swiftly by means of it from insignificant poverty to the control of a great party. It had made him master of one of the greatest cities in the land. It had secured for him Governors, Legislatures, Councils, and legal and Executive authorities of every kind. He had seen it bend even to his will judges. He bought dogs and lawyers. He silenced the press with a golden muzzle. He had money to burn. (—Guthrie, "Moses," Sunday Magazine, April, 1867.)

To see, then, whether and what we shall lose by the abandonment of Christianity, let us look at the various precepts of this moral law, and compare them with the facts of history and of human life. Shall we suppose to mean the collective result of the philosophy and practice of the world, ancient and modern, as it has been in the habit of teaching from the days of Socrates to Voltaire, Rousseau, Frederick the Great and Hobbes.

1st. Strange and yet true that scarcely an anti-Christian writer on morals has ever lived, but has taken ground against the sacredness of this commandment, of some loose teaching, which encouraged disobedience. Even Stuart Mill is no exception. Then is the utility of the commandment when shaken with every wind and quiver like a jelly fish? Is it not, on the other hand, while upheld them on the apex pride the politicians? To ride there with safety is no small feat of dexterity, and, as a rule, it is most important to the welfare of those shaky people who will scratch their tickets for the Devil himself, if he were the candidate of their party. But where are they when the foundations move? Those foundation masses set themselves on the galvanic battery of the Constitution, and what they do it is to that class that this appeal is made, and it is to them that it is addressed, and at once they are moved, hundreds of politicians who would not for the world commit themselves to it. It is now in the conservatives loarse in applause, and swear they knew it would be so all along, and that they had all the patience and perseverance, friends of your country. These gramitic masses that bear up this country in a certain sense, and which are to be found in the generations and nations of the future small build their foundations for ages.

Dr. Hays' address was received with frequent marks of approbation, and his witty points drew forth shouts of laughter.

Rev. R. H. Pollock, D.D., announced the following nominations for officers:

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The officers named were unanimously elected.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Rev. McAllister moved a vote of thanks to the citizens of Pittsburgh, for their friendly reception; to the Railroad company for courtesies extended, and a special vote of thanks to the Reporters of the press, all of which were unanimously adopted.

The Convention then adjourned.

The chairman, Mr. Brunot, stepped to the front of the platform and said:

We will now adjourn to a few minutes but I cannot allow you to go without returning my sincere thanks for your kindness to me as your chairman and as President of the National Association. Not long ago, at a meeting of which the body was composed of Indians, after the speeches had been made and it was time to go, one chief was so anxious to be heard further that he took some paper and talked for a few minutes more; but after speaking twenty minutes he said, "Now my tongue is sore, I must rest." I have told you a little of my heart, but it would take me three days to tell you all that is in my heart." I could not close my lips without saying that I have three days to tell you all that I feel in my heart and that is in the mind of the people in the West and interested in. As I cannot get the three days, at this time of the night, too, I will close with bidding you my heartfelt thanks. May all be saved.

After a benediction by Rev. Scovel, the Convention adjourned.

Relation of the Proposed Amendment to Those Who Oppose It.

The following address was delivered before the Convention by Rev. Robert Audley Browne, D.D., on Wednesday evening:

The association, organized to secure a recognition of Christianity in the Constitution of the United States, has cause for congratulation and thankfulness for the progress made—that the issues involved are becoming clearer, and the nationalities and the natural friends of the movement are ranging themselves on their appropriate sides. The Christianity of this country should vote Christian men of its Constitution and laws. Thank God for the intelligence which, in these meetings at least shall be fairly and fully comprehended, this great question before the people will inevitably take shape in the opinion of their Christianity in their fundamental law as shall leave room no longer for the assertion that the movement originated in prejudice and envy—"give our religion the character of a national act,"—be therefore calls upon the citizens on the day designated as a day of fasting to support the movement by through the Great Mediator and Redeemer for our past transgressions, and that the working of the Holy Spirit we may be disposed and enabled to yield a more suitable obedience to His righteous requirements. He was glad that the movement was to propose to arrest the progress of that impiety and licentiousness in view of these great principles which are in themselves and so ruinous to mankind." This is as much, if not more, than our amendment proposes. And if it is not the real object of the "Liberal League," in the capacity as President of this nation, could use such opposition to the movement, as to oppose the proposed insertion in the Constitution of a clear recognition of his right so to do, as our Christian amendment proposes.

Now as to Thomas Jefferson's views, some mysterious allusion to them has been made, and he is supposed to be an infidel. The manifest truth is that if he had lived in these times he would have been found among the organized men of New Jersey. As people who, in their opposition to this movement would keep men who are not recognizing his authority so to do under the Constitution. What he would have done in the case in question, however, under a different Constitution, we learn from the part he took in the establishment of Virginia in the stirring times preceding the Revolution. A brief recital will be of interest. On the 24th of December, 1776, occurred the first tea-party. That is now one hundred years ago. December, 1876, will be the centennial of that event. In sympathy with the movement in other parts of the country, the Virginia Legislature met in January, 1774. That will be one hundred years past on the 24th of January, 1874. The records tells us that if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; and this was true of Massachusetts and Virginia, and of the whole country. It could be more unlike. The thrill of an aroused patriotism pulsated in the veins of patriots in Virginia even as in Massachusetts, on the delightful threatenings of the parent government. The House of Burgesses of Virginia was in session, the Legislature of that time. The May following. In that body were those eminent patriots, George Washington, George Mason and Jefferson. Jefferson and others it appeared that the House of Burgesses should set apart a day to humiliation in their legislative capacity in view of the encroachment on American liberties involved in the Boston Port bill which they would proclaim and appoint a day for that very day, the first of June, and call on all the churches in the land to observe it. Jefferson gives an account of it, in his characteristic way. He says that by "the help of Rushworth they "furnished themselves with "materials for preaching." For such appointments, none of which had been made since the days of Queen Elizabeth, the Episcopal hymns; and having prepared their resolution, they got Mr. Nicholas, whose grave and reverend character made him a suitable person for that service, to move it. It was promptly adopted, and as soon as Governor Dunmore was informed of it he promptly dissolved them. But they kept the day recorded. Their proclamation ran as follows:

"This House being deeply impressed with apprehension of the great danger to be derived to British America from the hostile invasion of the city of Boston in our sister colony of Massachusetts Bay, whose commerce and harbor are by an act of the British Parliament to be stopped by an armed force, deem it highly necessary that the said 1st day of June be set apart by this House and the members of the several Parishes, humiliation and prayer, devoutly to implore the Divine interposition for averting the heavy calamity which threatens destruction to our civil rights, and the evils of civil war; to give us one heart and one mind firmly to oppose by all just and proper means every injury to American rights; and that the minds of the people may be fortified against all attempts from above with wisdom, moderation, and justice, to remove from the loyal people of America all cause of danger from a continued unjust and arbitrary power pregnant to their ruin. Ordered, therefore, that the members of this House do attend in their places at the Church in this city, on the first day of June next, in order to proceed, with the Speaker and mace, to the church in the city, for the purpose aforesaid; and that the Reverend Mr. Price be appointed to read prayers and to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion.

"By the House of Burgesses,

"GEORGE WYTHE, C. H. B."

Now that is what Jefferson thought of a people's relations to God in great emergencies, and indicates what he might have been willing to do in regard to such proclamations as I've afforded a warrant for issuing this. In this clear construction he differed from his immediate predecessor and Washington also; both of them as great in statesmanship as he. But the question we have now to consider is the allegation that Thomas Jefferson could not have taken the oath as President to support the Constitution if it had included our amendment recognizing Christianity. My reply is that Thomas Jefferson was a member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, a British colony, in 1774, and as such he took an oath of office including more than an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, with this Christian amendment incorporated in it, namely, an oath to support the charter of the colony and the British constitution, and also of that to which we are all opposed, a union of church and State.

Now, it is evident that when the opponents of this movement speak for Unitarians, and for such statesmen as John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, they are in error. When they would per form the part of godfathers for these eminent men they have mistaken their vocation. These men must be allowed to speak for themselves. "I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past." I only know what these men would do by what they have done; and the facts of their words and of their lives refute the claim that they would be ars ad opposed to our Christian resolution recognizing Christianity, as is proposed in our amendment.

As for the Israelite, he now observes and supports our laws and institutions, and could not be a citizen without doing so. Let me quote one of these, a statute of the State of Pennsylvania:

"Any one of the people who shall, by writing or printed, or by either, or by preaching, or by any other manner of speaking, purposely and maliciously blaspheme or speak loosely and profanely of Almighty God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit or the Scriptures of Truth, such person, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) and undergo an imprisonment not exceeding three months or either, at the discretion of the court."—Purdon, p. 510 § 1.

"Press and all our other Christian laws are right or they are in wrong. If right they should be constitutional, and if not constitutional they should be made so by amendment. Let us see to it that the States as well as the United Hebrew is under them as well as the Gentile, as he of right ought to be. It does not injure his conscience. He does not hold a particular article of the Christian creed in abomination, nor is he required so to do; nor would he, by an oath of citizenship, a firm constitutional foundation were laws under all these—our Christian institutions and laws. An oath to support a nation is not an oath to profess a creed, notwithstanding the wild assertions of the opponents of the movement. I say rightly further on this point. I refer to the precedent of the British Constitution, under which a Hebrew takes the oath of office to support the Constitution, and sits in the House of Commons. It makes no difference that it is an unwritten Constitution—it is a Constitution all the same, and it is a Constitution recognizing Christianity as fully as that of the United States would do if the Christian amendment were in full force.

And now, in the close of this subject, let us be conscious of a war against no right of man; and we cannot as Christian citizens fail in our fealty to the Christian religion. This would be to fail to worthily represents the millions of Christians of our country who believe with Christ is Lord of all," and their respective Wards, at their usual voting places, and vote by ballot for City Officers and Members of the Select and Common Councils, as indicated below:

ELECTION

Proclamation!

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, SS:

I, JAMES BLACKMORE, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do issue this my Proclamation, that on the TUESDAY of FEBRUARY, A. D., 1874, being the seventeenth day of the month, the citizens of said city, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, and for members of the Select and Common Councils, at their usual voting places, and their respective Wards, at their usual voting places, and vote by ballot for City Officers and Members of the Select and Common Councils, as indicated below:

One Person to Serve as Mayor,

One Person to Serve as City Treasurer,

One Person to Serve as City Controller.

Said MAYOR, TREASURER and CONTROLLER to serve for three years from the 1st day of February, A. D., 1874, or such time thereafter as may be designated by law.

One person to serve as CITY CONTROLLER for the unexpired term of Robert J. McGowan, resigned.

The Electors of the First ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Second ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Third ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Controller's office, in said ward, and elect one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Fourth ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Fifth ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the office of the Clerk of the Courts, formerly office of Orphans' Court, in the Court House, in said ward and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Sixth ward of the city of Pittsburgh, composed of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth precinct to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Seventh ward of the city of Pittsburgh to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select